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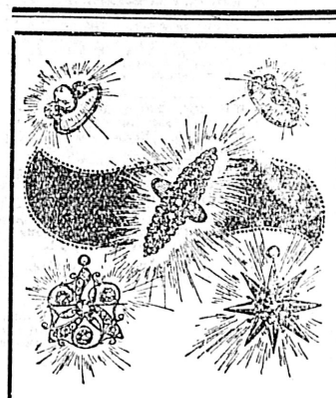

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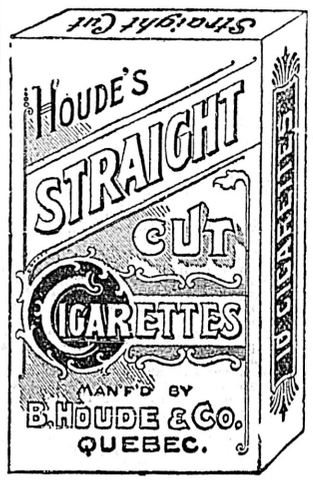

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FELT WORKS DESTROYED.

Dunkirk, N.Y., March 22.—Fire destroyed the plant of the Taber Felt Works at Fredonia, entailing a loss of $25,000. About fifty employees will be thrown out of work.

As a tonic, nothing in the world beats Jesse Moore "AA" whiskey.

Morrison Shirked It

Vexed at Attempt to Put Him on Record on Utilising The Chinese.

Ministers Scored for Offering Gold Brick for Votes of Workingmen.

Col. Hughes' Spicy Letters to the General—Refused Captaincy in Strathcona's.

Ottawa, March 22.—When the bill to incorporate the Comox and Cape Scott railway was before the railway committee, Mr. McInnes pressed his amendment that Chinese shall not be permitted to be employed.

Mr. Maxwell spoke strongly in favor of the amendment.

Sir Charles Tupper said this was not the time to deal with the Chinese question, the house being the proper place to do so. His opinion was that the amendment would not benefit the object which some had in view in regard to Chinese. The committee divided 10 for and 18 against.

Mr. Morrison did not vote, and Col. Prior insisted that he should, whereupon Mr. Morrison said it was a piece of "gratuitous impertinence" for the Colonel to call attention to his shirking the vote. This raised a storm, in which several members took part. Sir Charles Tupper insisted that Mr. Morrison should vote, and while the chairman said such was the general rule, he had no means of enforcing it.

LIKE A GOLD BRICK.

The house was engaged all day in discussing Mr. Mulock's wages resolution. It transpired that the government are not prepared to embody the resolution in legislation, whereupon they were subjected to severe criticism from the opposition for presenting a buncombe motion. On its face it looked very promising, reading as follows:

"That it be resolved, that all government contracts should contain such conditions as will prevent abuses which may arise from the sub-letting of such contracts, and that every effort should be made to secure the payment of such wages as are generally accepted as current in each trade for competent workmen in the district where the work is carried out, and that this house cordially concurs in such a policy, and deems it the duty of the government to take immediate steps to give effect thereto. It is hereby declared that the work, to which the foregoing policy shall apply, includes not only work undertaken by the government itself, but also all works aided by grant of Dominion public funds."

THE SECOND CONTINGENT.

The Milwaukee with the Mounted Rifles and C Battery reached Capetown last night. Thirty-eight horses out of 652 were lost on the trip.

COL. HUGHES' CASE.

The Hughes-Hutton correspondence came down to-night and makes spicy reading. Col. Hughes so severely criticized the British army appointments and the department that the government could not give him a commission in the first contingent. Later Hughes was offered a captaincy in the Strathcona Horse, but refused it.

THE SECOND CANADIANS.

Last of the Contingent Report Safe Arrival at Capetown.

Montreal, March 22.—The Elder-Dempster Company have received a cable from Capetown announcing the arrival there last night of the transport Milwaukee from Halifax with the last of the second Canadian contingent aboard. The cable reports all well and a pleasant voyage.

THE SPREADING SMALLPOX.

Case on Transport Steamer May Detain Leinsters—Student of Columbia Taken.

Halifax, March 22.—(Special.)—News of the appearance of a case of smallpox on board the steamer Vancouver causes the impression that this vessel will have to be rejected as the transport for the Leinster regiment, or else that the sailing will be delayed for a week or two while the steamer is in quarantine. A. G. Jones, agent for the Dominion Line, says there will be no delay.

New York, March 22.—A case of smallpox has developed at Columbia university and to-day the health department officials visited the law department and subjected every student to vaccination. The sick man is a student in that department. The students are taking the affair calmly, and it is said that none of them will leave college.

NOME MINING LICENSES.

Secretary for War Tells How They Come to Be Issued from His Department.

Washington, March 22.—Secretary Root made a brief statement to the press at the war department to-day in regard to the action of the department in granting licenses to prospectors to prospect the water front of Cape Nome in their search for gold. He admitted that one or two such licenses had been issued, but to whom he did not remember, as it was in the regular routine of the department. There were about a dozen more applications of the kind on file and they all will be granted.

The secretary explained that his authority in the matter was based upon the statute giving the war department jurisdiction over the navigable waters of the United States. Although he did not go into details, Secretary Root made it clear that the privileges in question were free to all responsible persons and no discrimination had been intended in the cases that had been acted upon.

QUEEN'S VISIT TO HOSPITAL.

British Flag From Pretoria Hoisted in Honor of the Occasion.

London, March 22.—The Queen, accompanied by Princess Christian and attended by a large suite, visited Herbert hospital at Woolwich this afternoon to see the sick and wounded soldiers who are being cared for there. Immense crowds awaited the arrival of Her Majesty at the station in Woolwich and lined the route to the hospital. There were lavish decorations and unbounded enthusiasm was displayed.

The Queen appeared to be in excellent health. She drove in an open landau through the arsenal grounds, where 20,000 employees were drawn up in line and gave Her Majesty a magnificent reception.

The Queen distributed quantities of Windsor flowers in the wards of the hospital.

On the parade ground of the garrison the school children viewed the procession from military wagons and sang "God save the Queen."

The original flag made by the ladies of Pretoria on the occasion of the town's first annexation was hoisted over the artillery barracks in honor of Her Majesty's visit, and the house where Gen. Gordon was born was extensively decorated.

The Queen spent an hour in the hospital and spoke to numbers of the patients wishing them a speedy recovery.

Fire Claims Kuskanook

Only Three Buildings Left of the Once Famous Construction Town.

Absolute Destitution Among the Townsfolk—Victoria Appealed to for Aid.

Fire came suddenly upon the East Kootenay town of Kuskanook on Wednesday night, and—finding the inhabitants quite unprepared—completed its work of destruction in a few hours, so that daylight found but three buildings standing and few of the crowd of townfolk huddling about the smoking ashpile having saved aught of their belongings.

Sirdar, a rival town where the Crow's Nest Pass railway enters the heart of the hills, some four miles away, answered the blazing beacon of distress, and gave temporary relief to the homeless ones. Later in the day an organization for a fuller measure of help was completed, and telegrams similar to the following were sent to the several provincial cities:

Sirdar, B.C., March 22, 1900.

To His Worship the Mayor, Victoria, British Columbia.

Kuskanook completely destroyed by fire. Relief committee will be thankful for assistance.

J. C. BLANDY, Chairman.
D. McLENNAN, Secretary.

To the Colonist, Mayor Hayward stated he would do all in his power to relieve the distress which might ensue on the burning of the unfortunate village and would be pleased to receive subscriptions at once, all of which will be duly acknowledged.

The next hope of the town was in the Bedlington & Nelson railway, coming in from the American side. It was thought possible that Kuskanook would be made its terminus, but the B. & N. people selected a terminal site farther up the lake, and the Kuskanook folk about gave up. It only needed the fire to complete the ruin of the once liveliest town in Kootenay.

Particulars of the fire are told of in the appended special despatch to the Colonist from its Nelson correspondent:

Nelson, B.C., March 22.—(Special.)—A disastrous fire broke out at Kuskanook yesterday which practically cleaned out the whole town. The fire started in the disused Windsor hotel and burned every building in the place except the Pedro Cherbos hotel and two houses.

The Windsor hotel stood in the middle of the town, and fanned by the strong breeze the conflagration soon became general. F. Fraser gave the alarm but nothing could be done, and his store, as well as those of H. R. Macdonald and H. Hoyt, were soon wrapped in flames, though a portion of H. R. Macdonald's stock of groceries was saved.

The Mining Recorder's office was burned, but the records, which were in the safe, were saved. The buildings, besides the one mentioned, that were saved were the Kootenay Valley Railway company's office and a vacant house, and in these buildings the houseless citizens congregated.

The loss is estimated at $15,000 with no insurance; the fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin; and as the inhabitants are practically destitute of clothing and provisions, supplies of both kinds are being sent up from here to-night by the steamer Moyie.

The townsite of Kuskanook belongs to the Kootenay Railway Company, but most of the houses were owned by the occupants. The town was started in 1897, being used as a base of supplies during the building of the Crow's Nest Pass railway.

OSMAN PASHA NOT DEAD.

Constantinople, March 22.—There is no truth in the report published in the United States that Osman Pasha, the hero of Plevna, is dead. The famous Turkish General has been sick for a few weeks, but his health is now improving.

TO OPPOSE MR. SIFTON.

Winnipeg, March 22.—Brandon county Conservatives meet Tuesday next to nominate a candidate to oppose Sifton.

SIR ALFRED MILNER.

Capetown, March 22.—Sir Alfred Milner, after leaving Norval's Pont arrived at Colesberg at 7 o'clock this afternoon. An hour later he left for Stormburg.

Two Years Of Siege.

Pretoria Gives Out Preparations for That With Menace to British Prisoners.

Free State Clearing of Enemy as Fast as They Can Travel.

Mafeking's Relief Persistently Asserted But Report Is Yet Premature.

London, March 23.—(4 a.m.)—Again there is a persistent rumor that Mafeking has been relieved. It is even asserted that the war office has received a despatch positively announcing the relief, but that publication of it is withheld because the form of the message admits the possibility of mistake. The war office, however, declares that there is no confirmation of the rumor and that no further news on the subject is at hand.

No attention is paid in any quarter to the wild Boer rumors of Commandant Olivier's victory over Gen. Gatacre, which are only designed to relieve the drooping spirits of the burghers.

It seems certain that Mafeking's only chances lie in relief by the column supposed to be advancing from the south or in the possibility that Col. Baden-Powell is strong enough to attempt a sortie with a view of capturing the Boer guns at a time when Commandant Symon has withdrawn his men to oppose Col. Plumer's advance.

All the reports regarding the British operations in the Free State continue to be satisfactory. Nothing has developed regarding Gen. Buller's intentions, but it seems hard to believe that he is again embarking Gen. Warren's division.

It is reported from Lorenzo Marques that Pretoria is prepared to stand a siege of two years and the Boer women, frantic at the reverse to the Boer arms, are entreating to be allowed to shoot the British officers imprisoned at Pretoria.

METHUEN AND HIS OFFICERS.

Disagreements Between Them to Be Inquired Into on Complaint of Colonel Ordered Home.

London, March 22.—Replying in the House of Commons to-day to a series of questions on the subject of General Lord Methuen and his alleged disagreements with the officers of his column, which have caused considerable comment, the parliamentary secretary for the war office, Mr. George Wyndham, declared that no charges had been brought against General Methuen by Col. Gough or any other officer. Col. Gough, he added, has been informed that an inquiry would be held into his case.

Col. Gough is alleged to have been ordered home by Gen. Methuen after declining to obey a command issued by the latter, and the Colonel demanded a trial by court martial.

CONNAUGHT AT BELFAST.

Commander of Forces in Ireland Refers to Queen's Promised Visit.

Belfast, March 22.—For the first time in thirty years, the Duke of Connaught commander of the forces in Ireland, visited Belfast to-day on a tour of military inspection. He was enthusiastically received.

The Earl of Dufferin and Ava proposed the health of His Royal Highness at a luncheon. The Duke in his response, referred to the wonderful development of Belfast. Alluding to the forthcoming visit of the Queen, he said all understood that it was entirely the Queen's own will, that she was planning to re-visit the country of which she had always cherished the warmest recollections. He paid a high tribute to the gallantry of the Irish regiments in South Africa, where he said, Irishmen, side by side with soldiers from the Colonies and the United Kingdom, were proving their devotion to their sovereign.

BOER AGENT'S MOVEMENTS.

Washington Departments Where He Called Say His Business Is Purely Personal.

Washington, March 22.—Montague White, the Boer agent in this country, called at the state department to-day and spent some time in conversation with Secretary Hay. Nothing was said about mediation, nor about the fate of Johannesburg, and it was intimated that the subject of the conversation was purely personal in its character.

THE BOERS' PRISONERS.

Salisbury Again Warns the Presidents That They Are Held Responsible for Welfare of Britishers.

London, March 22.—It has been learned that no peace overtures have been made to Lord Salisbury nor are any expected at present by Great Britain. The telegraphic correspondence has been confined to the treatment of prisoners. Lord Salisbury as already cabled, is holding the presidents of the South African republics responsible for the welfare of the British prisoners. The question of the safety of Johannesburg and the gold mines there has not been raised. The correspondence exchanged between Lord Salisbury and President Kruger will shortly be given to parliament.

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Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box.

Found Near Kimberley

Boers With Artillery Located and Engaged by British Battery.

Dissensions of the Enemy Extend to Open Quarrel of the Presidents.

Kimberley, March 22.—There was a smart artillery duel near Warrenton yesterday morning. A battery under Major Blewitt, supported by the Kimberley Light Horse, located the Boers, who employed four guns, two of which used cordite, but ineffectively. The British battery replied with effect and silenced the Boer fire. The Boers sent two shells near the railway station, which was not damaged.

DISSENSIONS OF ENEMY.

London, March 23.—A despach to the Morning Post from Bloemfontein, dated Wednesday, says: "A deserter reports that the enemy, after repeated dissensions, has withdrawn from Brandfort northward. He thinks it unlikely that the Boers will make a stand anywhere south of the Vaal. I cannot personally share such opinion."

A despatch to the Times from Kimberley, dated Thursday, says: "The date of the departure of the Mafeking column from here has not been fixed."

LOOTING BY OFFICERS.

A despatch to the Daily News from Springfontein, dated Wednesday morning, March 21, says: "Gen. Gatacre and his staff are still here. He is most strict regarding the private property of the Boers. Some officers who had looted Boer farms have been tried and punished, to the great astonishment and gratification of the Boers."

MERCY FOR REBELS.

Mr. Winston Churchill telegraphing from Ladysmith Thursday pleads for mercy in dealing with rebels. He says: "We must not try for our pound of flesh; no real conqueror ever lost by clemency either in this world or in the next."

ROBERTS NEXT MOVE.

London, March 23.—Mr. Spencer Wilkinson, reviewing the general field of operations in the Morning Post says:

"Lord Roberts is not likely to let the Boer army escape him, and he is pausing so as to ensure, when he next moves, the mobility and handiness of all his columns. By this time he has taken the measure of all his generals and troops, and there is not likely to be any such failure of execution as occurred during the march on Bloemfontein. He will be directing the movements of two, if not three, armies and the result will probably greatly astonish the Boers."

BOER RULERS QUARREL.

A sepcial correspondent of the Times at Bloemfontein telegraphing Thursday says: "Yesterday Mr. Kruger issued a proclamation annexing the Free State to the Transvaal. Mr. Steyn immediately issued a counter proclamation declaring the Free State intact."

The Daily News has the following from Bloemfontein dated Wednesday: "It is rumored that Mr. Kruger and Mr. Steyn will meet at Kroonsdadt, in the Orange Free State, on April 4 to discuss the future programme. The feeling between the Transvaal and the Free State is very bitter."

The Capetown correspondent of the Daily Chronicle telegraphing Thursday says that Sir Charles Warren's division is embarking at Durban for East London, Cape Colony.

SURRENDER BY WOLESALE.

Roberts Sends Small Parties to Take Over Arms of Well Disposed Burghers.

London, March 22.—Lord Roberts telegraphed from Bloemfontein, under the date of March 21, as follows:

"So many burghers have expressed a desire to surrender under the terms of the last proclamation that I have sent small columns in various directions to register their names and take over their arms.

"A cavalry brigade has gone to the eastward to Thabanchu, and a detachment from Springfontein has occupied Smithfield, where some Transvaalers and wagon with arms and ammunition were captured.

"The Scots Guards are at Edenburg and Reddersburg.

"General Clements' brigade is marching hither by way of Philippolis and Fauresmith."

NATAL TOWN BURNED.

British Detachment Arrives Just in Time to See Enemy Evacuate After Applying Torch.

London, March 22.—A special despatch from Durban says the town of Pomeroy, thirty miles east of Ladysmith has been burned by the Boers. A British detachment arriving at Pomeroy as the Boers evacuated the place, shelled the burghers, but they succeeded in taking up a strong position in the hills with a force estimated to number five thousand.

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VANCOUVER AFFAIRS.

New Cannery Tender—To Advertise This Province at Winnipeg—A Red Cross Branch.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, March 22.—The body of John Reed, a logger, was brought down by the steamer Comox to-day. Deceased slipped from a log into the water and was drowned.

J. A. Russell is building a 400-ton steamer for the cannery business.

The Amur will sail on Saturday with 400 tons of rails for the White Pass railway.

A branch of the Red Cross Society was organized last evening with Dr. Robertson as president.

The lumber and shingle manufacturers say they will provide the material free for a British Columbia building at the Winnipeg fair if the C.P.R. carry it free, and the province pays for its construction.

MEMBER IN BAD ODOR.

Constituents Again Demand Resignation of the Former Boer Consul-General.

London, March 22.—At a meeting today of the constituents of Dr. Gavin Brown Clarke, Liberal member for Caithness, and formerly consul-general of the South African republics, his resignation was again demanded. A resolution was adopted drawing the attention of the House of Commons to the grave charges made against Dr. Clarke, in connection with letters stolen from Mr. Bouchier, and A. Hawksley, solicitor to the British South Africa Company in regard to the Jameson raid.

Dr. Clarke was consul-general to the South African republics prior to 1891 and has written pamphlets on the land question in South Africa, India and some special questions. He was born in Scotland in 1846 and was educated at the University of Glasgow and Edinburgh and at King's College, London.

SWISS TO THE BOERS.

Little Republic Regrets That It Cannot Assist in Bringing Peace.

Berne, Switzerland, March 21.—The federal council has answered the Boer appeal for mediation as follows:

"The Swiss federal council would have been pleased to co-operate in friendly mediation in order to end further bloodshed, but as the presidents of both South African republics have directly approached the British government in order to conclude peace on a basis indicated and the British government has shown itself against the proposal, and as furthermore the British government has declared to the cabinet at Washington that it did not propose to accept the intervention of any power, the Swiss federal council, to its regret, must also renounce the idea of taking any steps on the lines of the request made by the presidents of the South African republics. There remains for the federal council, under the circumstances, nothing but to express its sincere wish that the belligerents will have succeeded at no too distant date in finding a basis for an understanding honorable to both parties."

CANADIAN FATALITIES.

Police Chief Killed in His First Week—Gas Works Engineer Victim of Explosion.

Halifax, March 22.—A girl named McLean while walking on the ice at Point Aconi near Sydney, C.B., caught her foot in the ice, broke her leg and bled to death.

James Beckham, chief of police at Sydney, C.B., was fatally stabbed by an Italian laborer. He belonged to Halifax and was only appointed chief on Wednesday.

Listowel, March 22.—The gas and electrical works exploded here to-night. Wm. Bilber, the engineer, was killed.

FRANCE AND MOROCCO.

Friction in Progress and Two Cruisers Despatched to Uphold French Interests.

Paris, March 22.—It is said that the government of Morocco has vigorously protested against the recent French occupation of the oasis of Insalah, which, it is claimed on behalf of Morocco, is an encroachment upon the territory of that country. The two governments have been in negotiation on the subject and France has decided to send a special plenipotentiary to Tangiers with the object of arranging the matter. According to the Patrie the situation has become so grave that the government on Tuesday resolved that M. Revoil should start immediately on board the cruiser Du Chayla, of 3,952 tons, which will remain at Tangiers in order to protect French citizens. Further serious news, received yesterday, decided the French government to despatch to Tangiers, a second cruiser, the Latuch-Treville, which yesterday was ordered to sail for Tangiers.

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THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

London, March 22.—At the general court of the Bank of England to-day the governor, Mr. Samuel Stuart Gladstone, announced that the profits of the six months ending February 28 were £736,149, and a dividend of 5 per cent. was declared.

Nibbling at Mr. Martin

Rossland Liberals Welcome Smith Curtis and Offer Him Nomination.

Verdict on Premier Suspended Until Provincial Convention Can Speak.

Rossland, March 22.—Hon. Smith Curtis, by invitation of the Liberal Association, attended their meeting to-night and addressed them on the present political situation. He was cordially received and individually the members who were present in large numbers expressed their intention of supporting him, should he stand for this riding.

Hon. Joseph Martin was not approved or opposed, and as a body the association took no decided action except to pass a resolution calling on the Liberal executive of the province to summon a conference to decide what attitude should be taken by the party.

The question of drawing party lines was not discussed.

PORTO RICAN DESTITUTION.

Natives by Thousands Are Starving and Have Absolutely No Clothes.

New York, March 22.—Describing the present condition of affairs in Porto Rico, the correspondent of the Journal and Advertiser at San Jaun says:

"The people are too weak to resist bayonet rule, but their love for the United States is changing to apathy or fierce hatred. In San Juan one can hear on nearly every street half-naked children singing the American national hymn. The scene is pathetic.

"It is almost incredible, but from the district of Cacao comes a mesage that more than 1,000 women in that neighborhood can't leave their huts because they have no clothes. The same reports come from other districts. There are probably 30,000 naked women in the mountain districts. Thousands of children can't attend school, because the teachers refuse to receive them stark naked as they present themselves."

General Davis is quoted in an interview as saying: "We shall spend most of the money furnished by the congress in building roads. We will continue to feed the incapable and destitute. If a man is able-bodied, but will not work, he must starve. If he cannot work he will be fed. As free trade and constitutional rights have become political questions, I cannot enter into the controversy. I have given the government the true facts and have pointed out what I believe to be the only sound policy for the government. That ends my duty. I cannot take part in questions of high statesmanship. The people of Puerto Rico are civilized and more capable than the people of New Mexico, who were given territorial government fifty years ago."

OLGA NETHERSOLE'S OFFENCE.

New York Grand Jury Makes a Formidable Arraignment in Its Indictment.

New York, March 22.—In the indictment in the "Sapho" case the grand jury says:

"The said Olga Nethersole, Hamilton Revelle, Theo. Moss and Marcus R. Mayer, being persons of wicked and depraved minds and disposition, and not regarding the common duties of morality and decency, but contriving and wickedly intending so far as in them lays to debauch and corrupt the morals as well of youth as of divers other persons, and to raise and create in their minds, inordinate and lustful desires, offending public decency, in a certain performance called "Sapho," and did unlawfully, wickedly and recklessly, exhibit, show and repeat and cause and permitted to be exhibited and shown on the stage for lucre and gain, in the sight and hearing and view of a large number of persons, divers indecent, lewd, filthy, bawdy and obscene representations, practices, performances and evil conversation."

But four witnesses were examined by the grand jury, one of them being Miss Nethersole herself. It is probable the case will not be reached before summer, unless it is allowed to take precedence.

NO OFFICIAL FRIENDS.

Powers Great and Small Have But One Answer for the Boers.

The Hague, March 22.—After deliberation the government has despatched a reply to Presidents Steyn and Kruger regretting being unable to comply with the request for intervention in the South African war after formal declaration of the British government that intervention would not be accepted. It was added, however, that the government of the Netherlands would always be ready to support steps tending to the restoration of peace.

London, March 22.—It is announced from the Transvaal capital that the Italian government has declined to interfere.

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A LONELY COMMANDANT.

Aliwal North, Cape Colony, Mar. 22.—Commandant Olivier left Smithfield two hours before the British scouts arrived. He only succeeded in inducing about 150 men to accompany him, mostly insurgent colonists. The Free Staters refused to go with him, and are rereturning to their farms.

THE WILY KANG.

London, March 23.—The Singapore correspondent of the Times says: "Kang Yu Wei, the citizen reformer, who was reported a month ago to have sailed for London, returned here secretely in a pilot boat and has lived in Singapore ever since."

How can the British trooper bold
Defeat the wily Boer,
Unless he tones his system up
With good old "Jesse Moore?"

THE CONTEST FOR MAFEKING.

Plumer's Relieving Force Closely Pressed and Narrowly Escape Surprise.

Lobatsi, Friday, March 16.—The Boers, under Commandant Snyman, are advancing in force from Mafeking towards Lobatsi.

Colonel Bodle made a reconnaissance on March 13 and found Pitgani and Pothlugo occupied by the Boers. He returned to Goode siding and made a demonstration on March 14. He found the Boers in strength at a sharp curve on the railway. They had mounted a gun on the line and were lying in wait for the construction train.

Brisk firing occurred a few miles south of Lobatsi on the morning of the 15th. The Boers' Maxim was freely used. Col. Bodle came in touch with the Boers just in time to prevent the camp being surprised. The Boers attacked the advance party and captured a few boxes of ammunition and nearly secured a Maxim. Lieut. Tyler was killed and Lieut. Chapman captured. Col. Bodle coming up, put the Boers to flight with heavy loss.

The Boers yesterday were within a few miles of Lobatsi.

Yesterday afternoon the Boers pressed closely on Col. Plumer's main camp and kept up a hot fire with a Maxim, killing a white man and a native. They placed the Maxim and a twelve and a half pounder on a hill on the east side of the line, 4,000 yards from the camp.

The British right is protected by Chief Bathen, who has warned the Boers not to enter his territory.

Col. Plumer's present endeavor is to insure the safety of the railway north of Lobatsi, and to watch well the left flank. It is probable that before the Boers retire towards Pretoria they will tackle the Rhodesians in force.

It is reported that the burghers are abandoning the environs of Mafeking, leaving only a sufficient number of artillerists to man the big guns. There are none at Ramatalabana, where they were supposed to have their base.

Col. Plumer's scouts were at Ramatalabama yesterday.

The usual Mafeking despatches are overdue, but no anxiety is felt on that score.

Dynamite explosions, wrecking the railway, are proceeding south of Lobatsi.

"MME. SANS-GENE."

Sardou's Great Comedy Drama to Be Presented Here by the Frawleys.

Victorien Sardou's great comedy-drama, "Madame Sans-Gene," will be presented here for one night by the Frawley Company. It is the last successful play from the pen that gave us "La Tosca," "Fedora" and "Cleopatra," and was written for the famous French actress Mme. Rejaue. It was presented originally in Paris, and enjoyed a long and brilliant run. Mme. Rejaue also scored a great success with it in London and New York. The American rights in English were secured by Katherine Kidder, who made an elaborate production of it in New York, and who starred in it for three years in the United States. T. Daniel Frawley secured the Pacific Coast rights to the play last year and has presented it with great success in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Portland.

"Mme. Sans-Gene" deals with the domestic life of Napoleon, and the suspected intrigue between his wife, Marie Louise, and the Austrian general, the Count de Neipperg. It also deals with the career of Catherine Hubscher, who was a laundress in Paris when Napoleon was a poor young soldier in the French army, and who married Sergeant Lefebre, who was also in the French army. The fortunes of war in the years that followed made Napoleon an emperor and Lefebre a Duke, and thus Catherine Hubscher, the washerwoman, becomes the Duchess of Danzic and the wife of the Marshal of France.

"Mme Sans-Gene" will be presented at the Victoria Theatre on Tuesday night. On Monday night the Frawley Company will make its re-appearance here in the great English racing drama, "The Sporting Duchess."

YORKSHIRES REUNION.

First Festive Occasion of the Recently Formed Society a Great Success.

The first regular quarterly meeting of the Yorkshire Society of B. C. was held last evening in the A. O. U. W. hall. Canon Beanlands presiding over a goodly gathering of "Tykes." The principal difficulty the chairman experienced was to find room in the programme for the varied capacity of the members in the direction of song, reading and recitation. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by the members and it was suggested that the next meeting which will be during the summer should take the form of a picnic, in which the lady relatives and friends of the members would of course take part.

During the evening the following gentlemen contributed towards the success of the gathering: James E. Martin, reading; H. Moxon, song; W. Richardson, Yorkshire sketch; W. T. Williams, songs; H. Firth, songs; Jesse Longfield, violin solo; Herbert Cuthbert, address and Yorkshire sketch; W. F. Fullerton, song; F. Whitwell, song; Rev. Canon Beanlands, reading; Mr. Carrol, song; Lieut. Col. Wolfenden, address, during which he happily referred to the excellent work of the Canadian contingent in the attack on Cronje's army. A reading from Punch of the parody in the style of Alfred Austin of Kipling's "Absent-Minded Beggar" was exceedingly well received. Great enthusiasm was manifested when Mr. Cuthbert, at the close of his address proposed the health of Col. Baden-Powell, a Yorkshireman now gallantly defending Mafeking, the Mayor of which is also a Yorkshireman.

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PERSONAL.

James Rankin, Winnipeg, is at the Dominion.

George M. Leishman returned from the Mainland last evening.

F. J. Brown, a commercial man from Toronto, is a guest at the Driard.

Among those registered at the Driard are F. W. Sumner and wife, San Francisco.

John Webb, proprietor of the Mountain View hotel, at North Bend, is registered at the Dominion.

Guy Macgowan, of Vancouver, came over from Seattle yesterday and went home this morning.

J. B. Hobson, manager of the Cariboo Hydraulic Mine, and Mrs. Hobson are guests at the Driard.

Dr. Fagan, provincial health officer, and Mrs. Fagan were passengers from Vancouver last evening.

Mrs. C. F. Gilmore, of Everett, Wash., is spending a few days in Victoria, the guest of Mrs. R. A. Roscoe.

Mr. Justice Drake and Mr. Justice Martin have returned from a judicial visit to the Provincial Mainland.

Thomas Ingraham, Vancouver, and Geo. W. Meagher, Port Angeles, are among those registered at the Dominion.

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BAKER—At the family residence, No. 47 North Chatham street, on the 21st inst., George Baker, aged 80 years; a native of Bristol, England, and father of J. H. Baker, Government street.

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Ottawa, March 1f.—This is a great day for Ireland, and for the Irishmen in Canada and all over the world. During a residence of nearly twenty years in Ottawa I have never known such a general observance of St. Patrick's Day as to-day. There has always been an excellent feeling among the national societies in Ottawa, and in years gone by it used to be the custom of the Englishmen and Scotchmen to take part in the St. Patrick's Day parade, but of late years this parade feature of the celebration of the day has been dropped. The Englishmen of Ottawa, however, felt that this year especially was the occasion opportune for showing their friendship towards Ireland and Irishmen, and especially their appreciation of the gallant services of the Irish troops in South Africa. The St. George's Society of Ottawa and the Sons of England, therefore, recommended to their members to sport the "dear little Shamrock," and the recommendation was generally observed. The supply of shamrocks which florists laid in was enormous, but by eleven o'clock in the morning the supply had completely run out.

HORSES FOR AFRICA.

Strathcona's Horse have gone. Mr. Morrison, M.P., went down to Halifax with the Minister of Militia to see the boys away, and he reports having had a most enjoyable trip. The work of equipping what may be regarded as the third Canadian contingent has not been an easy one as contrasted with outfitting the first battalion of infantry. Dr. McEachren, government veterinary inspector, had by no means an easy task in securing the horses, although in the limited time at his disposal, he did very well. The quality of horses procured would not suit the horse fancier of fastidious taste, and sa far as the Mounted Rifles are concerned it does not appear that the best quality of animal was procured, although Dr. McEachren had nothing to do with their purchase. The western horses are shaggy little brutes just taken off the prairies. Indeed they are little better than Indian ponies, but the chief inspector says they will stand the rough work in South Africa better than the more showy animal which was procured in Ontario, although the average price paid for the latter, $150 per animal, was just double that which McEachren paid on the ranches. The government has attempted to disclaim responsibility for the unfavorable character of the horses secured in Ontario. The truth seems to be that speculators went trhough the province picking up fairly good horses at a low price and selling them at the barracks in Toronto or Kingston at a substantial profit. The men who acted for the government as purchasing agents were not experts in the horse line and therefore got the worst of the deal. No explanation is given as to why agents of the government could not have gone through the country purchasing directly from the farmers. Had this been done seller and buyer would have both got better satisfaction. There has been some expectation that the war would help to bake South Africa a market for Canadian horses, but in view of the way this business has been mismanaged by the government the expectation thus formed will now be, in a large measure, disappointed. If Strathcona's Horse and the Mounted Rifles parade through the streets of London, when the war is over, the English people will be astonished at the class of horses which carry our troops, and a will take columns of newspaper explanation to make them understand that our mounted soldiers are not cavalry, but simply mounted infantry, and between the two there is a vast difference.

SOMETHING IN THE WIND.

The government is "marking time." Every military man; every public school boy, who has passed through the hands of the drill sergeant, konws what that means. The life of the present parliament does not expire until August, 1901, and by calling parliament next January there would be seven months in which to get the supplies through. The government would also like to pass a redistribution bill, but there does not seem to be any chance of their doing this. The census is usually taken in April, and even supposing the government had the enumerators at work in January, it would not be possible to have the full returns made out in time to enable parliament to adjust the representation of the House of Commons and change the boundaries of constituencies. Judging from the temper of the Liberals it is obvious that if they got the chance they would pass a gerrymander which would keep the Conservatives out of power for twenty years. This opportunity, through a fortuitous chain of circumstances for the Conservatives, will not come to them. It will be remembered that Mr. W. W. B. McInnes last year foresaw what was likely to happen and made a suggestion which was calculated to pull his party out of the hole in which he anticipated they were likely to be. He suggested to the government that permission should be secured from the Imperial authorities for Canada to take the census this year instead of in 1891. Much as the government would have liked to have acted on this suggestion, Sir Wilfrid told him that it was altogether out of the question. The census is taken simultaneously throughout the British Empire the first year of every decade in order that the statistics of the Empire may be uniform. Were Canada to take her census one year ahead this uniformity would be marred. The government were therefore compelled to inform Mr. McInnes that it was no use conveying his proposal to the home government.

THE GERRYMANDER BILL.

To come back to the situation to-day, parliament is now in the seventh week of the session. How much has been accomplished in this time? Practically nothing. The bill to defray the cost of the contingent to South Africa stands for its third reading in the Commons. The redistribution bill stands for its second reading in the Senate, having passed the Commons. The Budget, which is usually disposed of long before this has not been heard of, and the Minister of Finance, whenever he is questioned about it, dodges the issue. To prolong the delay to public business, Dr. Russell, the law professor from Halifax, has been put up to move an academic resolution on the subject of preferential trade. It is simply an addition to the "marking time" tactics of the government. What does it all mean? The impression is gaining ground that the government is waiting to see what the Senate will do on the Redistribution Bill. It has not yet been definitely announced whether the Senate will throw out that bill, or will incorporate in it the provisions of the amendment rejected in the Commons last week. That amendment providing for the redistribution of constituencies by the chief justices of Canada, after the next census, would, if added to the Redistribution Bill completely change the principle of the measure. No matter, therefore, what the upper house may do it will be unsatisfactory to the government, and as neither the estimates are being pressed nor the Budget brought down, the impression is generally prevalent that parliament may be dissolved within the next month or six weeks, the government going to the country on the cry of the reform of the Senate. The Conservatives of British Columbia would do well to be on their guard, and get ready for the fray.

TWO RECRUITS' TROUBLES.

A funny incident occurred while Strathcona's Horse were in the city. One distinguished member of the House of Lords in England, who came to Ottawa to see his son who is a member of the contingent, found the young hopeful doing twenty-eight days in the guard house as punishment for a breach of discipline. The father, however, managed to have the boy let off on promise of better behavior.

Col. Prior was enabled to do an act of kindness to one of the members of the Horse, for which he will ever be held in grateful remembrance by the individual affected. A strapping young Englishman from Nelson came to Ottawa with the quota from the Kootenay country. He had been here a week or ten days, and had donned the khaki uniform, when he was notified by the adjutant of Strathcona's Horse that he would have to return to Nelson; that he would not be allowed to go to South Africa as one of the Horse. The young fellow wanted to know what he had done that he should be deprived at the last moment of serving Her Majesty. He was informed that he was not considered sufficiently strong, physically, to withstand the rigors and fatigues of the campaign. Pressing for further particulars the young fellow finally learned that the charge had been made against him by another member of the Horse that he was subject to epileptic fits. On the way to Ottawa, it seems, the young chap had not been taking care of himself, and on re-entering the close and hot car at Winnipeg, the contrast from 20 below zero to 70 above, proved too much for him, and he fainted. Thereupon another member reported him to the adjutant, with the added remark that he had been known to suffer from epileptic fits in the Kootenays. Without having any formal inquiry or another medical examination, the accused was informed that his name had been struck off the roll of the regiment. In his chagrin and disappointment at what he knew to be an unjust charge, he appealed to Col. Prior, who promptly took the matter up. Col. Steele was seen, and also Mr. Taylor, Lord Strathcona's representative. A medical examination took place and the young Englishman was passed as physically sound. Then his accuser was brought face to face with him, and severely censured by Col. Steele, for his conduct.

ELECTORAL FRAUDS.

The government still persists in objecting to the resumption of the inquiry into the frauds committed by the Grit machine in the West Huron and Brockville bye-elections. A year ago the Premier, with a great flourish of trumpets and an assumption of political purity which earned for him the encomiums of all the Grit press throughout the country, promised whenever a charge of corruption was made that it would be investigated. The peep into the operations of the Grit machine last session was a sickener for the government. The frauds perpetrated by means of a double set of ballot papers created a fearfully bad impression throughout the country. The West Huron inquiry only was taken up then. If the Brockville election had been investigated it would have been found ten times worse. The Premier knows this. Hence he will not allow the investigation to be continued. The day will come, however, when all the facts will be made known, and the government rightly condemned by the electorate.

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FRANK HIGGINS, Solicitor for the Applicants.

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Dated this 5th day of March, 1900.

WALTER [illegible]

The Colonist.

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SUGGESTED CONSTITUTIONAL REMONSTRANCE.

In another column reference is made to the feeling in this city in regard to the course taken by the Lieutenant-Governor in calling Mr. Martin to the premiership and in retaining him there with an incomplete cabinet, composed of men chosen outside of the legislature. Only a very little effort is necessary to excite this feeling to something like fever heat. We should be sorry to advise anything like impetuous action, but believe the people owe it to themselves to make some demonstration of their sentiments. In any of the Eastern provinces events similar to those which have occurred here would have led to indignant public meetings in all the larger centres of population.

We believe a constitutional remonstrance ought to be addressed to the Lieutenant-Governor in a respectful manner and in respectful, though decided, terms, setting out wherein His Honor has violated what the remonstrants regard as constitutional usage. Reference might also be properly made therein to the injury done to the business of the country by His Honor's action. What the immediate effect of this would be we do not know, but it is always well for the people to protest against unconstitutional government.

As to who ought to lead in a matter of this kind, there may be some difference of opinion. There is always a danger that any one who takes the initiative in a public matter will be attacked on the ground that he seeks his own advancement. This is, however, only a small matter and ought to prevent no one from doing what he feels to be his duty.

THE EIGHT HOUR LAW.

Discussing in detail the several matters mentioned in the Colonist of yesterday as forming a platform upon which the people of the province can be successfully appealed to, we will take up first the eight-hour law. There is very little to be said in regard to any change in this measure except that it either ought to be repealed or the penalty clause should be stricken out.

The Colonist has so frequently expressed itself in favor of an eight-hour day as a standard by which all hiring shall be regulated, that we need not elaborate the point here. Whether or not it is necessary to have any legislation on that point is a matter of opinion. As a rule most of the trades are able to secure arrangements as to hours by mutual agreement between employers and employed. The eight-hour system prevails, we understand, in all the coal mines in the province. It did not prevail in the metalliferous mines. That it might after a time have come in force there if there had been no legislative interference is probable, but the change would doubtless have taken place gradually and as conditions warranted it. It would have been adjusted between the mine owners and the miners without friction, the secondary question of wages being dealt with at the same time. The almost universal rule is that employers and employed reach what may be called a modus vivendi if left to the exercise of freedom of action.

The condition of miners in Kootenay was on the whole satisfactory. Wages were good, as is shown by the fact that there had been no wages strikes. The hours of work were satisfactory, as was shown by the fact that there had been no strikes for shorter hours. The mine owners recognized that it was desirable to have good men, and they paid a good wage to English-speaking miners, and in addition provided them with many conveniences, which otherwise their employees would have had to do without, or could only have procured at considerable expense. We think it can fairly be claimed for the Kootenay mine owners that they wished to surround themselves with a good class of law-abiding English-speaking men, and for that purpose were willing to pay them well, accommodate them as comfortably as circumstances would permit, and not exact unduly long hours of labor. On behalf of the miners, we think it can be fairly claimed that they appreciated the largely experimental character of much that is being done in Kootenay, that they were satisfied with their pay, hours of labor and conveniences, and gave good value for their wages. Doubtless there may have been exceptions in both cases; but we think it can be stated without fear of successful contradiction that there could not be found anywhere in the world a more contented lot of miners than were in Kootenay before the session of 1899, or any class of employees anywhere who were on better terms with their employers.

Upon a community thus favorably situated and confident with good reason of further investments of capital, which of necessity implied the employment of much additional labor, there fell the blight of foreign agitation in the shape of a demand for a limitation under penalty of the hours of labor in the mines. The miners had not asked for it. Very few people knew that anything of the kind was proposed. There was not the slightest effort made by any one to find if the conditions of mining were such that an arbitrary measure of this kind could be applied with safety to it. There is no need to relate the history of the operation of the law, or tell how it became distorted from an alleged protection to the health and comfort of miners to a means for securing ten hours' pay for eight hours' work. Nor is it necessary to repeat the tale of the injury done thereby to the whole mining industry, the stoppage of investments, the discharge of hundreds of workmen and the paralyzing effect upon trade. This is all only too familiar to every one.

What the Colonist desires is to see a return to the conditions which existed before the session of 1899. If it is thought desirable that the legislature shall declare eight hours to be the standard day in metalliferous mining, we do not know that any objection would be raised to it; but on this point the opinions of those directly interested, whether as employers or employed, ought to be ascertained. But as to the propriety of allowing a law to stand upon the statute book declaring that no man shall hire to work for more than eight hours in a metalliferous mine, or that no man shall employ any one for a longer period in such a mine under a heavy penalty, is to our view of the case utterly without justification. The regulation of hours and wages is a matter which must be left to those immediately concerned to settle for themselves, unless safety to life or health otherwise demands. The propriety of establishing eight-hour shifts, under normal conditions, is purely a business matter to be determined by the circumstances of each case, and can be safely left to those who have to do the work and those who have to pay the wage. For the legislature to lay down any hard and fast rule must, in the condition of mining in this province, infallibly work mischief. We put the matter to each individual reader thus: Will you undertake to say that it is wrong for a miner to work for more than eight hours in a metalliferous mine? Will not your answer be in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred that you do not know enough about it to form an intelligent opinion? This being so, why should you undertake to legislate on the subject. Why not leave it for the mine owners and miners to settle among themselves? We admit that it is the duty of a government to inquire into questions of this nature, and that if the people have confidence in the government they may properly leave the decision to them. But no such inquiry was ever made in this case. The law was placed upon the statute book in as nearly a surreptitious manner as is possible, and experience has shown that it is paralyzing business. We submit, therefore, that the law ought to be promptly repealed, or at least the penalty clause should be taken out of it, leaving miners to contract to work for as many hours as they wish. What position in regard to the regulation of hours of labor may be found necessary by and bye ought to be dismissed from consideration. There never may be the least necessity for the legislature to interfere, any more than thre was for it to interfere to secure the printers or painters, or carpenters a fixed rule as to hours. Our theory of government is to let the people alone as much as posible and trust them to establish such industrial conditions as circumstances render desirable.

THE HOLY ALLIANCE.

We find in the San Francisco Call a translation of one of the most interesting diplomatic papers in existence, being the secret treaty of Verona, which created "the Holy Alliance," and led to the promulgation of what is known as the Monroe Doctrine. We give the translation in full, as it throws light upon a question that is much discussed on almost every occasion when the relations between the United States and ourselves are up for consideration:

The undersigned, specially authorized to make additions to the treaty of the Holy Alliance, after having exchanged their respective credentials, have agreed as follows:

Article I. The high contracting parties being convinced that the system of representative government is equally as incompatible with monarchical principles as the maxims of the sovereignty of the people with the divine right, engage mutually in the most solemn manner to use all their efforts to put an end to the system of representative government in whatever country it may exist in Europe and to prevent its being introduced into those countries where it is not yet known.

Article II. As it cannot be doubted that the liberty of the press is the most powerful means used by the pretended supporters of the rights of nations to the detriment of those of princes, the high contracting parties promise reciprocally to adopt all proper measures to suppress it not only in their own States but also in all the rest of Europe.

Article III. Convinced that the principles of religion contribute most powerfully to keep nations in the state of passive obedience which they owe to their princes, the high contracting parties declare it to be their intention to sustain in their respective States those measures which the clergy may adopt, with the aim of ameliorating their own interests, so intimately connected with the preservation of the authority of princes; and the contracting powers join in offering their thanks to the Pope for what he has already done for them, and solicit his constant co-operation in their views of submitting the nations.

Article IV. The situation of Spain and Portugal unites, unhappily, all the circumstances to which this treaty has particularly reference. The high contracting parties, in confiding to France the care of putting an end to them, engage to assist her in the manner which may the least compromit them with their own people and the people of France by means of a subsidy on the part of the two empires of twenty millions of francs every year from the date of the signature of the treaty to the end of the war.

Article V. In order to establish in the peninsula the order of things which existed before the revolution of Cadiz and to insure the entire execution of the present treaty the high contracting parties give to each other the reciprocal assurance that as long as their views are not fulfilled, rejecting all other ideas of utility or other measures to be taken, they will address themselves with the shortest possible delay to all the authorities existing in their States, and all their agents in foreign countries, with a view to establish connections tending toward the accomplishment of this treaty.

Article VI. This treaty shall be renewed, with such changes as new circumstances may give occasion for, either at a new congress or at the court of one of the contracting parties as soon as the war with Spain shall be terminated.

Article VII. The present treaty shall be ratified and the ratifications exchanged at Paris within the space of six months.

Made at Verona, 22 November, 1822.

(Signed)
For Austria, METTERNICH.
For France, CHATEAUBRIAND.
For Prussia, BERRISTET.
For Russia, NESSELRODE.

It will be observed that Great Britain was not a party to this treaty and indeed in the very nature of things she could not be. What rendered the agreement of special interest to the United States was the fact that Spain's colonies had only a short time before thrown off the rule of the parent state and their independence had been recognized by Great Britain and the United States. In consequence republican institutions had been set up over a large area, and the parties to the treaty of Verona feared that the example would be contagious and that beginning in Spain, the republican movement would spread over the continent. Therefore, they decided to assist Spain to regain her colonies. Mr. Canning, then premier of the United Kingdom, learned of this treaty and the intention of the signatory powers and notified Mr. Monroe, who at that time was President of the United States. At first Monroe hesitated about acting, but urged by Canning, who promised the material support of Great Britain, he declared in a message to congress that while not interfering in any manner with the possessions of European powers in America, the United States would regard as "an unfriendly act" any interference on the part of such powers with the independence of the republics. As this meant that any attempt to reconquer the Spanish colonies would lead to a war with Great Britain and the United States, the powers abandoned their scheme. In brief the Monroe doctrine only means that the United States will resist any attempt by European powers to acquire territory in America without the consent of the people of such territory. In more recent years an attempt has been made to extend this doctrine so as to constitute the United States a sort of guardian of the Central and South American republics, but the idea has not been endorsed by those nations. Mr. Blaine's Pan-American congress was a futile effort to crystallize this conception of the Monroe doctrine into an international agreement.

A very interesting fairy tale has been running through the papers about Joseph Leiter and four others playing poker for several consecutive days. Leiter is alleged to have lost heavily at first, but to have come out a little ahead. One of the others is said to have won $180,000, another $60,000 and the other two large amounts which are not specified. What species of poker is this in which everybody wins fortunes and no one loses anything?

A letter has been received in this city from the representative of United States capitalists, who are considering the advisability of constructing a railway to the north end of the Island and establishing a through line of transportation from Alaskan points to the United States transcontinental lines, asking if there is any probability that the government ownership of railways is to prevail here, and saying that if this is likely no one will invest a dollar in a British Columbia railway. The writer of the letter evidently keeps close track of what is going on here, for he speaks of the present Premier and the Conservative party both being committed to this idea, and asks if it is likely that they can both be defeated at the elections.

Mr. Going's harbor improvement plan calls for about a million dollars. This would mean a charge of $35,000 a year for interest. As an offset we would have the reclaimed James Bay mud flats, as to the value of which we shall not venture a guess. They might be leased as a terminal site for the railway from the north end of the Island and the proposed rail and ferry connections with the Mainland to the east and south. There are objections, we do not say insuperable ones, to any scheme of harbor loan which does not contemplate the creation of a harbor trust in which shall be vested all the properties to be benefited by the proposed improvements. Before this matter goes any further we suggest that those promoting it shall lay before the citizens a full statement of how a number of harbors in Canada and elsewhere are handled.

Ghosts would frighten many people who are not afraid of germs. Yet the germ is a real danger. If this microscopic animalism could be magnified to a size in proportion to its deadliness it would show like a giant python, or fire-breathing dragon. The one fact to remember is that the germ is powerless to harm the body when the blood is pure. It is far easier to keep the germ out than to drive it out after it obtains a hold in the system. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is the most powerful and perfect of blood purifying medicines. In increases the quantity as well as the quality of the blood, and enables the body to resist disease, or to throw it off if disease has obtained a footing in some weak organ. Wherever the digestion is impaired, the nutrition of the body is diminished, for the blood is made from the food which is eaten, and half digested food cannot supply the body with blood in quantity and quality adequate to its needs. For this condition there is no remedy equal to "Golden Medical Discovery." It cures ninety-eight out of every hundred persons who give it a fair trial. When these is constipation Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets will promptly relieve and permanently cure.

APPLYING FOR INCORPORATION

Private Bills to Be Introduced at Coming Session of the Legislature.

In anticipation of an early session of the legislature a number of companies are giving notice of their intention to apply for incorporation and charters. Among the notices appearing in yesterday's Gazette were: For a railway from a point on the C. P. R. near Vancouver to a point on the same railway near New Westminster; incorporation of the Crow's Nest Pass Electric Light & Power Co.; to extend the time for the completion in the Vancouver & Lulu Island Railway Act, 1891; to build a railway from Johnson Strait, Vancouver Island, west of Chatham Point, thence south to Upper Campbell Lake and from Johnson Strait to Bear River; and by Capt. John Irving and D. M. Eberts to incorporate a company to be known as the John Irving Tramway Company, to build a tramway from near Taku City thence to the west shore of Atlin lake, thence to a point on the east shore of Atlin lake near Atlin city, along Pine creek to a point near the west end of Kusinah or Surprise lake.

Robert Tennant, of Skidegate, Queen Charlotte Islands, has been appointed a justice of the peace for the counties of Victoria, Nanaimo, Vancouver, Westminster, Yale, Cariboo and Kootenay.

The following companies are incorporated: The Minto Mines, of Nelson, capital $1,000,000; People's Steam Laundry Co., of Grand Forks, capital $10,000; Grand Forks Lumber, Sash & Door Co., capital $15,000; British Columbia Manufacturing Co., of New Westminster, capital $25,000.

A special general meeting of the Rathmullen Consolidated Mining & Development Co. will be held at Rossland on April 25, for the purpose of considering the sale of some of the assets of the company. The annual meeting of the company is set for Rossland on the same day.

Henry and Sophia Steffens, general merchants, of Ashcroft, have assigned.

Municipal Court of Revision will be held at Kaslo on April 23.

Provincial Courts of Revision are announced for May 7. For North Yale, at Kamloops; for Vancouver city, at Vancouver.

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Dated this 3rd day of March, A.D. 1900.

ALFRED KENDALL,
By his Attorney in fact.
C. A. HOLLAND.

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Time.	Height above zero	Time.	Height above zero
1:20 a.m.	7.3 feet.	2:30 a.m.	7.6 feet.
6:00 a.m.	8.0 feet	7.00 a.m.	7.8 feet.
1:50 p.m	2.6 feet.	2:50 p.m.	2.6 feet.
9:50 p.m	8.0 feet.	11:00 p.m.	8.2 feet

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War Pictures.—New albums of war pictures, 15c each, just received by the Victoria Book & Stationery Co., Ltd. *

Cold Storage.—It is stated that some local business men are contemplating the erection of a cold storage plant in this city at an early day.

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Twenty-one years' experience has taught Rambler makers to build best wheels. Come and see Ramblers. Weiler Bros.' cyclery. *

A Morning Marriage.—Yesterday morning the Rev. Dr. Campbell united in marriage Thomas Taylor and Marget Gonyer, of Seattle, the newly-wedded pair afterwards departing for the Sound.

Arbitrators' Report.—The coal mines regulation arbitrators have handed in their report to the government. It cannot be made public until the award is taken up by one of the parties concerned.

Inspectors of Boilers.—Under instructions from Capt. Gaudin, of the marine and fisheries department, the board of steamboat inspection will sit at the office of the inspector, Vancouver, on Monday, April 2, for the examination of applicants for the position of inspector of boilers and machinery.

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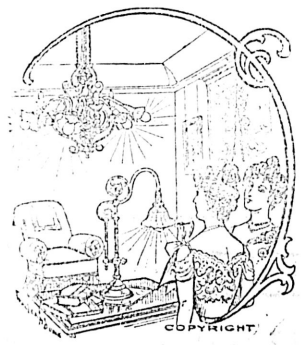
The Police Court.—James Goddard, alias Cull, is being held on the charge of embezzlement until the arrival of an officer from Hamilton. For riding on the sidewalk a bicyclist was fined $3. In the afternoon M. O'Brien, an old offender, was arrested charged with supplying intoxicants to Indians. He will be given a hearing this morning.



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Some nice building sites—Dallas road and Ross Bay.

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C. C. REVANS.

New Crew for the Egeria.—A special train bringing from Halifax the complete new crew for H. M. S. Egeria is expected to reach Vancouver to-day, the men coming on to Esquimalt either this evening or to-morrow. Twenty-two paid off men of the navy are leaving for home to-day.

Kindness Appreciated.—The sisters in charge of the Boys' Protectorate wish to thank Messrs. John Piercey & Co. for $25.55, part proceeds of the sale of St. Patrick's Day badges, and the manager of Adgie and her lions for an invitation to the matinee, which the boys greatly enjoyed.

Jepsen-Lakin.—Miss A. C. Lakin and O. N. Jepsen, both of Victoria, were united in marriage on Monday evening last at St. James' church, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Mr. Sweet. The bride was supported by her sister, Miss M. Lakin, and Miss A. Ansen, and the groom by E. Lakin. Mr. and Mrs. Jepsen will reside on Quebec street.

Northern Customs Arrangements.—Collector Milne, for the accommodation of those who go to the Yukon via the White Pass & Yukon railway and the Yukon river to Nome and all points along the lower Yukon in Alaska, has made arrangements whereby they can carry foreign goods and supplies through the British territory that lies between Skagway and points on the lower Yukon river by payment of duty on their goods at Bennett, the duties to be paid there to be refunded at Dawson on proof of the export of the goods. The banks at Bennett and Dawson will transmit the duties collected to Dawson, where they will be refunded.

Fight Pictures.—An event of importance to local lovers of pugilism will occur at the Victoria theatre to-night and to-morrow night. The pictures of the Jeffries-Sharkey fight are declared to be the only real pictures taken of that ring-championship deciding contest. Since Bernard Shaw, in "George Cashel's Profession" and Dr. Conan Doyle in "Rodney Stone" have apotheosized the prize fighter's art in dignified fiction, it is not out of keeping that the footlights should be transformed by the modern ingenuity of the biograph, into the ropes of the pugilistic arena, and that a historic event of the scene survives it in pantomimic production. These are unquestionably the best pictures ever secured of a genuine fight, the reproduction being, for the most part, perfect.

The Winnipeg Exhibition.—F. W. Henbach, general manager of the Winnipeg exhibition, is a guest at the Driard. Mr. Henbach has just arrived from Vancouver, having, while at the Terminal City, laid before the British Columbia Lumber and Shingle manufacturers' Association the proposals of the exhibition management to devote particular attention to the Western exhibit, which it is proposed shall be accommodated in a special building erected entirely of British Columbia woods. The Dominion government has promised should this idea be carried out, an appropriation of $1,000 towards the cost of erection. The C.P.R. is willing to deliver the lumber free of charge at Winnipeg and the lumbermen of British Columbia are asked to present the timber required to the exhibition. Mr. Henbach is in Victoria to interview the provincial government in the matter and to interest local business men in the Winnipeg exhibition.

POLITICAL SITUATION.

Cottonites Will Have Candidates in Every Constituency in the Province.

Premier Martin is over on the Mainland looking for cabinet ministers, the business of the country in the meantime being conducted by Hon. J. S. Yates, the other member of the government, Hon. Smith Curtis being in Kootenay looking into the working of the eight-hour law, and incidentally spying out a possible constituency. Mr. Martin's absence prevented any new moves in political circles and the many other parties also kept still yesterday as far as the public were aware. The only announcement of the day came from Vancouver, Mr. Carter-Cotton making it known that his party, formerly the Semlinites, would have candidates out in every constituency. The workingmen, it is said, are waiting for the other parties to take some definite stand before announcing what they will do. In the cities at least they contemplate running candidates.

SOUTH AFRICAN WAR

An Interesting Lecture Last Evening by Archdeacon Scriven.

An interesting lecture on the South African war was delivered last evening by Archdeacon Scriven in the Sir William Wallace Hall. Col. Gregory took the chair and about forty were present. The proceedings opened with a song by Mr. H. Kent, "Another Little Patch of Red," which was well received.

The lecturer then gave a short summary of the history of South African affairs since the year 1835, emphasizing the patience of Great Britain in dealing with the Boers, the grievances of the Uitlanders and the disloyalty of the Africander Bund. Having brought the history up to the date of President Kruger's ultimatum, the lecturer gave way for a time to Mr. H. Wallis, of H.M.S. Leander, who showed some excellent lantern views of places of interest in South Africa, and of British battleships. Among these views were two of Ladysmith, taken since the breaking out of the war.

The lecturer, resuming, then briefly sketched the progress of the war up to the present date and took the opportunity to pay a tribute of praise to the pluck and endurance of the British soldier, and of the fighting men sent by Canada. He closed with a few words of eulogy of the Victorian contingent and of the members of it who had given their lives for their Queen and country.

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Mass Meeting Is Proposed

Protest Against Premier Martin Ruling Without People's Warrant.

Opinion of All is That Some Action Should be Taken.

The extraordinary political situation, which is the general topic of conversation in Victoria, as elsewhere throughout the province, has resulted in an expression of opinion on the part of a number of prominent citizens to the effect that steps should be taken at once towards making a public demonstration of disapproval against the action of the Lieutenant-Governor, in permitting Hon. Joseph Martin to hold office contrary to constitutional practice.

Indignation is widespread. There are no two opinions. Business is suffering in all lines and there is no guarantee that relief will be speedily forthcoming. The situation grows more acute daily. The ordinary business operations of the province are seriously interrupted. Coast merchants are suffering in common with the people of the interior towns more immediately affected, and many orders which had been placed for goods are being cancelled.

All this is attributed to the distrust and lack of confidence engendered by the retention of office by Mr. Joseph Martin and his colleagues, none of whom have been chosen by the people, and who give no indication of an early appeal to the electorate.

Victorians—regardless of party sympathies—feel that something must be done at once. To the Colonist it has been suggested by citizens, prominent in business circles, that a monster indignation meeting should be held. This it is argued is the only course left open. The Governor acquiesces in Mr. Martin's delay and Mr. Martin proceeds with the perfection of his political plans regardless of the welfare of the people—so the latter must act.

Yesterday a Colonist reporter sought to ascertain by interviewing various citizens met haphazard the temper of the people on the suggestion; and all agreed that such action ought to be taken.

In the event of the meeting being held as proposed, it was pointed out that it would be well to arrange for similar demonstrations throughout the province. As for the action to be taken by Victoria, it is contended that two mass meetings might properly be held—one in the A. O. U. W. hall and one at Philharmonic hall so as to permit the attendance of as large a number of people as possible. Resolutions condemning the action of the Governor in permitting Mr. Martin to hold office in defiance of the popular will and the provisions of the constitution could be passed, and afterwards, the meetings adjourning, those resolutions could be presented to His Honor at Government House, the electors going there en masse to do so.

That some such action is necessary is the feeling on all sides. The one question is: Who will take the initiative?

DEATH OF GEORGE BAKER.

Built the First Engine in Canada for the Grand Trunk Railway.

To-day at 2:30 all that was mortal of Mr. George Baker will be consigned by loving hands to a grave in Ross Bay cemetery, the funeral being from the family home on North Chatham street. The deceased gentleman was a native of Bristol, England, where he was born in 1820, landing in New York City when 31 years of age. Being a master mechanic he found ready employment for the ensuing eight years in that city. He was foreman in the building of the first locomotive that ever ran in Canada, on the Grand Trunk line, and later he moved from Toronto to the county of Grey, where he became one of the pioneer farmers, clearing a large tract near the village of Desboro. Mr. Baker lost his first wife 27 years ago yesterday, a pathetic part of the case being that she was at that time in England visiting friends; she was buried, among her ancestors, in the old burial ground at Bristol. In 1876 Mr. Baker was married to his second wife, who survives him in this city. Some fifteen years ago he removed from Ontario to British Columbia and settled on a farm in Saanich, from which he retired eight years since, and until his death resided in Victoria. Mr. Baker had for many years been a member of the Methodist church, and his home has always had an open door to the preachers of all denominations. In pioneer times in the county of Grey it was always headquarters for the missionaries from one settlement to another. Two sons, both of whom are residents of Victoria, with two daughters, who also have their homes here, survive with the widow.

W. C. T. U. Meetings.—At the meeting of the W. C. T. U. yesterday afternoon at the Refuge Home, Cormorant street, only routine business was transacted. At the meeting next Thursday afternoon, however, the proceedings, which will be in charge of Mrs. Slening and Mrs. Oaks, will be devoted to a discussion on the subject of "The Cigarette and its use by children."

Schooner Minnie, one of the last of the fleet to leave port, has returned to Dodge's Cove with 200 skins, a good take for the time she has been hunting.

Steamer Hero arrived from Comox last evening, and is completing her cargo for the charterers, the N.A.T. & T. Co., at the outer wharf. She goes to Dutch Harbor.

Harbor Property For Sale.

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Real Object of the Meeting Recently Held in Chinatown.

Chinese Advised to Organize to Prevent Further Foreign Aggression.

The mass meeting of Chinese held in Victoria and other cities of the province during the last few weeks, had apparently other objects than the fostering of the reform movement, the leading spirit in which is Kang Yu Wei the reformer who has been travelling around the world accompanied by a British soldier, under whose protection he was. Leong Tai Lin, who came to Victoria from Yokohama and who has been holding the meetings referred to, claimed to be one of Kang's chief lieutenants. Placards which have been posted in Chinatown since last Saturday's meeting in the Chinese opera house, would incline one to the opposite belief, for if Leong Tai Lin voices the views of the chief reformer, then Kang Yu Wei has deceived the European powers. While Kang's avowed policy is to throw the Chinese Empire open to foreigners, which can only be brought about by the dethronement of the Empress Dowager, the placards published advise the Chinese to "form a strong body to defend Our Empire against foreign aggression." There are a number of these notices on the various bulletin boards in Chinatown, or at least there were, for yesterday Chief Langley having been advised of the matter, had them torn down and destroyed. The following, which was translated from the Chinese, for the police, gives a good idea of the whole:

"Foreign nations are causing great distress to our country. Our land and people are becoming like an old pair of shoes ready to be thrown away. The barbarians have already acquired small portions of our empire where they terrorise the people worse than tigers or wolves. Look at what the Russians have done at Port Arthur, the Germans at Koon Chow, the French at Kwong Kowhong, the English at Hongkong. These barbarians have brutally murdured our people and outraged our women. They have levied taxes on land and houses and the oppression is unbearable. When you consider this you will see that our country is in a sorry plight. Now, if you were there what would you do? The oppression of our people by these barbarians is worse than the treatment of the ancient tyrants.

"And not contented with this these barbarians have expressed their intention of dividing up the whole empire. When we think of these things we are moved to tears. What will our people do If they object they will be massacred and burned. Our empire will then perish and become like India and other subject nations. We ought, therefore, to be of one mind and discuss these matters and so form a strong body to defend our empire."

Chief Langley and his men are on the alert and waiting for developments. The majority of the Chinese, no doubt, do not realize the enormity of the offence of organizing in a British colony to oppose the British Empire, but the men at the head of the movement are educated and certainly know what they are doing.

The leading Chinese merchants of the city are in no way connected with the so-called reformers and have always held aloof from them. Despite this Kang Yu Wei collected a considerable sum of money which was transmitted to Yokohama, where he visited on his way to Hongkong. What he has effected with the influence that money always carries with it is not apparent in recent events in China, the Empress-Dowager still holding the reins of power.

LEAGUE BALL.

Cleveland, March 22.—President Dan. Johnson, of the American League, was here to-day, and held a conference with Robinson, of the National League, and parties interested in the new American League in this city. Johnson stated that an agreement had been reached with Mr. Robinson, whereby the National League baseball park here will be placed in the hands of his organization. The papers covering the deal would be signed tomorrow. H edeclined to name the consideration involved.

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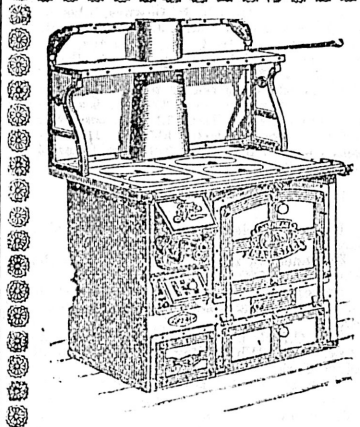

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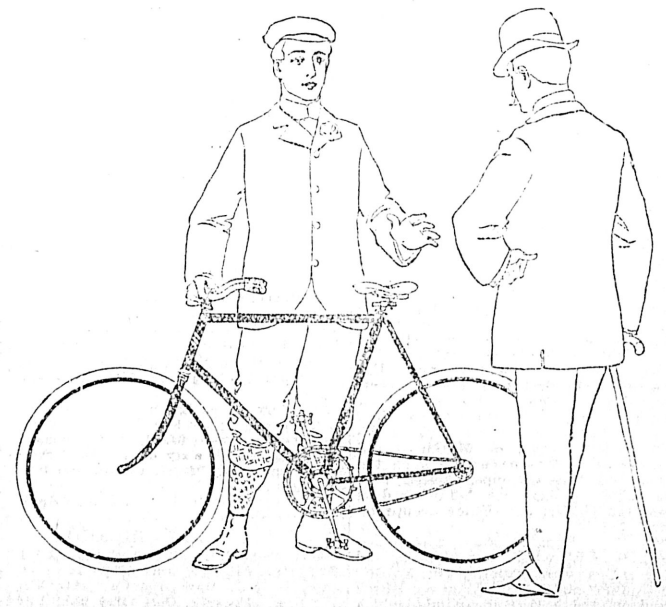

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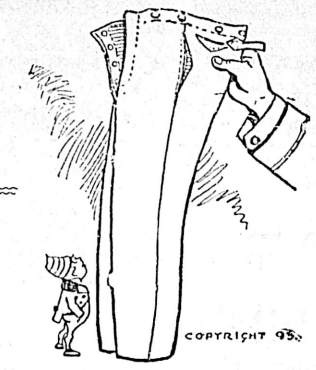

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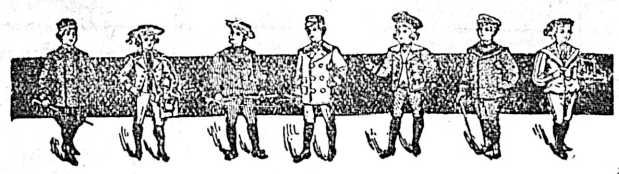

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For Alaska Excursions

Summer Service of Queen Makes Changes in Pacific Coast Schedule.

Warrimoo in After Pleasant Trip From Australian Ports and Honolulu.

The new summer timecard and folders of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company has just been placed in circulation and shows little general change in the arrangements of the pioneer coasting fleet. The advent of the Alaska excursion season necessitates the withdrawal of the commodious Queen from the Victoria-California run and her return on or about the 25th of June to the Alaska scenic route. The general northern trade will continue to be cared for by the Al-ki, City of Topeka and Cottage City, the latter and the Queen making Victoria their first and last port of call, while the two others ply to and from the Sound direct. The Queen's place on the Victoria-San Francisco route will on the opening of the excursion season be taken by the City of Puebla, the five-day trips continuing. A specialty will again be made this year of the Alaskan excursions inaugurated by this company, and concerning which the new folder says:

"Winter and summer for over twenty-five years this company has been running steamers to Alaska. At first one small steamer (the Eureka), one trip per month, which later was increased to two trips per month. Then—only a few years ago—two steamers were on the route; later a third vessel was added. Then came the marvelous gold discoveries on the Yukon and Klondike, which increased travel to such an extent as to require still more vessels, the maximum number having been reached in March (1898), when the company was running on the route twelve vessels. This was the only company running steamers to Southeastern Alaska before the Klondike excitement. . . . The company usually run on this route during the excursion season, from May to August, inclusive, the splendid excursion steamers Queen, Cottage City, City of Topeka and others, supplied with all modern improvements and appliances, including the electric light in every stateroom, etc. The staterooms of the Queen are unusually large and handsome. The fame of the Queen as an Alaska excursion steamer is world wide, and we anticipate that many will take advantage of her presence on the Alaska route this season, to make the trip. The steamer Cottage City is a large, fast and elegant steamer, having recently been brought from the East on account of being especially adapted for the Alaskan route. Her passenger accommodations are exceptionally fine, and the entire steamer is lighted by electricity. The steamer City of Topeka has been running on this route for years and is known to be one of the most comfortable vessels running on the Coast. These steamers will call at the principal points of interest in Alaska, and at Muir Glacier during the excursion season."

WARRIMOO ARRIVES.

Canadian-Australian Liner Reached Port Early This Morning.

The Canadian-Australian liner Warrimoo reached the outer wharf at 2:30 this morning from the South Seas after an uneventful voyage. The purser's report of the trip follows:

"The R. M. S. Warrimoo, 3,326 tons, J. D. S. Phillips, commander, left Sydney, New South Wales at 2:30 p. m., February 27. Met fine weather along Australian coast and arrived at Brisbane at 5 p.m., March 1, left again at 8 p.m. same date, picked up mails at Pile Light at 1 o'clock next morning and proceeded on voyage at once. Experienced at first very fine weather, rounded south Bellona Reef at 6 p.m., March 3, and D'Entrecasteaux Reef next evening; passed Marina Isle of the New Hebrides group on March 5, and later on same date passed between the Banks and Torres groups, sighted Tucopia Island at daybreak following day; passed the Gilbert and Ellice groups on March 8.

"As the Equator was approached strong W.N.W. winds with high sea and heavy rains were experienced; crossed the Equator and 180 meridian on March 9 and entered N.E. trade winds, which freshened considerably on 10th and 11th, and continued with heavy sea till 13th, thence light, variable winds with heavy swell from N.W. to arrival at Honolulu at 9 p.m. March 14. Owing to stringent quarantine regulations passengers were not allowed to land, nor was any communication held with shore. All cargo was worked by ship's crew, and the vessel proceeded on her voyage at 6 p.m. on March 15. Fine weather with moderate S.E. winds were experienced till March 19, succeeded by light westerly breezes with heavy N.W. swell on the 20th, changing to fine clear weather and N.W. winds on 21st, and which was carried to arrival at Cape Flattery at 6.45 p.m. March 22. Arrived off William Head at 10.30 p.m. March 22. Passed R.M.S. Aorangi at 2.45 a.m., March 17.

The passengers were: Mr. O'Donovan, Mrs. O'Donovan, Mrs. Mighill, Mr. D. Reid, Miss Trelour, Mr. and Mrs. Trelour, Mr. S. C. Trelour, Mr. D. R. Kemp, Miss Holborrow, Miss Knight, Mi. Davidson, Mrs. Davidson, Miss Davidson, Master Davidson, Mr. I. S. Beriro, Mr. A. R. Dunlop, Mr. L. M. L. Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Stafford, Mr. R. E. Deane, Mr. R. Snodgrass, Mrs. Lonn and child, Mrs. Westford and three children, Mr. R. DeNoon, Mr. I. L. Graham, Mr. J. Joyce, Mr. Downes, Mrs. Downes and three children, Miss R. P. Downes, Miss A. W. Downes, Mr. and Mrs. J. Craig, Mr. R. Taisley, Mr. C. Hall, Mr. G. Lans, Mr. Charleson, Mr. W. Jokmen, Mr. A. Koshmen, Mr. H. Kilpilainew, Mr. W. Corsle.

The freight consisted of 200 tons, as follows: 400 boxes butter, 2,300 carcases mutton, 123 carcases lamb, 72 carcases veal, 107 pieces veal, 5 boxes kidneys, 1,190 ingots tins, 623 pigs lead, 248 bags hides, 5 packages sundries.

MARINE NOTES.

Bark Champion, lately from Honolulu, towed to the Sound last evening.

Schooner Hatzic has been spoken off the Coast with 360 seals and all well.

Sealer Geneva has shipped four new hands at Drake's Bay to replace deserters.

The C.P.R. bulletin announces the arrival of the White Star liner Teutonic at New York.

Schooner Ocean Rover is expected to leave the ways and continue her interrupted hunting cruise one week hence.

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Finance and Commerce

STOCKS IN NEW YORK.

New York, March 22.—The railroad stocks had their innings on the stock exchange to-day. The professional board room traders on the floor of the exchange have turned bulls to a man and the speculators of large calibre and the pools made their operations manifest in the volume of the transactions. Closing quotations:

Amn. Tob.	107¾
Anaconda	46¼
A. T. & S. F. all paid	25¾
A. S. & W.	55⅞
B. & O.	73
B. R. T.	70
Can. Sou.	51¼
C. & O.	30
C. B. & Q.	127⅞
Chicago Gas	100⅝
C. R. I. & P.	111¼
C. M. & St. P.	125½
Cont. Tob. com.	31⅝
Con. Gas, N. Y.	181½
Colo. Fuel & Iron	49
C. C. C. & St. L.	63
Del. Lack. & Westn.	179
Del. & Hud.	106
Denver & R. G.	73⅝
Federal Steel	51¼
Gen. Elec.	128⅛
Jersey Central	115½
Louisville & Nashville	85¼
Man. Elev.	96½
Mo. Pac.	47¼
Met. Trac.	162½
Nat. Lead	24¼
N. P. com. new	56
N. P. pfd.	75⅝
N. Y. C. & H.	135⅞
N. Y. L. E. & W. 1st pfd.	40
Pac. Mail	36⅝
So. Ry. com.	14½
So. Pac.	40¼
Tenn. Coal & Iron	94½
U. S. Leather	14
U. S. Rubber com.	32
U. P. com.	54⅛
Wabash pfd.	21⅝
Com. Cable in Montreal xd.	166@170

London, March 22.—C. P. R. 98⅝; G. T. R. 1st pfd. 93; N. P. pfd. 77½; Anaconda 9½.

New York, March 22.—Money on call firm at 4@6 per cent.; last loan 5 per cent. Sterling exchange firm at $4.84¼@¼ for demand and $4.82⅞@¾ for sixty days; posted rates $4.83½ and $4.86½@$4.87. Commercial bills $4.81¼@⅞.

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PROVINCIAL

GRAND FORKS.

Grand Forks, March 20.—Great activity is reported from Summit camp. No. 3 tunnel on the Oro Denero is being driven to catch the lead already exposed in the upper workings. The work of pumping out the shaft on the Tiger is now in progress, and drifting is soon to be commenced from the 55-foot level. A contract has been let for the sinking of the shaft on the Mountain View, which is down 60 feet, an additional fifty feet. The B. C. mine is shipping about forty tons a week. A large force of men is employed on the Rambler. Summit City, the new town near the B. C. mine, is growing rapidly. It boasts of a general store, a drug store, three saloons, and a laundry. R. M. Nesbit, formerly of the Columbia Review, will shortly begin the publication there of a weekly to be called the Diggers' Journal.

The recent strike of an ore body twenty-eight feet wide in the 55-foot level of the Strawberry in Brown's camp has again drawn attention to the richness of the mineral belt on the north fork of the Kettle river. Development in the meantime is being vigorously pushed, and if the plan of work outlined is carried out, the property will be a steady shipper within six months. The period is not distant when the installation of a small plant will be found imperative. On one of the out-croppings, which can easily be traced across the claim, a shaft has been sunk partially in ore to a depth of 55 feet. From the bottom of the shaft a cross-cut to the west after traversing country rock a distance of 26 feet encountered and penetrated an ore body twenty-eight feet wide. The crosscut disclosed sulphide and chalcopyrite ore lying alongside. The latter runs high, the values being in copper, gold, and silver in the order named. Assays giving returns as high as 24 per cent. copper were obtained. The assay of the remainder of the vein gives fair values. The further sinking of the shaft is now in progress, and the continuity of the ore will be ascertained by driving a crosscut at a lower level. Three hundred feet distant, a shaft on the same ledge, has been sunk to a depth of seventy feet. From this working about fifty tons of ore were extracted. The values are principally in gold, the assays ranging from $12 to $20 per ton. Neil Cochrane, superintendent of the Oro Denero mine, is acting in an advisory capacity. He visited the Strawberry last week, and in a favorable report recommended a plan for future development, which will likely be adopted and carried out by the management. A water power on the property ensures a good supply for all future requirements.

A. B. Clabon, of Rossland, last April secured an option on the Strawberry and Orphan Boy, which are adjoining claims. During a subsequent visit to the East he organized the Quebec-Boundary Mining Co. for the purpose of acquiring the claims. His fellow-directors are Hon. R. R. Dobell, Hon. J. Sharples, V. Boswell and Gaspard Le Moine, well known Quebec capitalists, and A. H. McNeill, Q.C., of Rossland. Mr. Clabon is the managing director. The incorporation was obtained under the laws of British Columbia, the capital being one million dollars. The head office is in Quebec, and the registered office at Rossland.

When operations were begun in September, the development work on the Strawberry consisted of one or two small shafts, or prospect holes, the deepest being 25 feet, and exposing some good looking ore. The superintendent is Jos. Trainer, during whose regime in a similar capacity the Le Roi at Rossland became a dividend-payer. The Orphan Boy has not yet been exploited, but across nearly its entire length can be traced a series of promising out-croppings.

COWICHAN.

Somenos, March 20.—The regular monthly meeting of the council was held on Saturday, the 17th inst., all the members being present. Councillor A. A. B. Herd read the report of the committee appointed to examine the routes of proposed new road. It was referred back for a more detailed estimate of cost. The chairman of the Duncan fire wardens (Councillor W. C. Duncan) presented a report from that body, in which was recommended the purchase of sundry ladders, fire-extinguishers, buckets, etc. This was passed by the council, and it is said that the active young men of Duncan intend enrolling themselves as a volunteer fire brigade; then will the inhabitants of this thriving little town enjoy a sense of security which has been denied them in the past. The road inspector brought in his report showing the expenditure necessary on the municipal roads; with a few slight alterations this was adopted. The treasurer was instructed to re-insure the municipal hall; certain bills, in the report of the finance committee, were ordered to be paid; councillors W. C. Duncan, F. S. Leather and A. A. Herd were appointed a committee to procure a flag-staff for the hall; it was decided to continue for the current year the old rate of taxation—three-eighths of one per cent. The road inspector was instructed to lay out contracts and prepare specifications for road work; then the council went into committee to revise the assessment roll; Chemainus ward was completed, and the council adjourned till 7:50 p.m. on Saturday, the 24th inst.

The board of health had under discussion the request of the scavenger for an increase of pay; this was referred to the council.

The secretary was instucted to post notices and to inform the teachers of the schools in the municipality that the recently issued regulation with regard to vaccination was to be enforced.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Saturday's Match.

On Saturday afternoon next the second of the series of matches for the intermediate championship of British Columbia will be played between the Nanaimo Thistles and the Columbias of Victoria, the following teams contesting:

Victoria—Goal, Marshall; backs, Burns and Nesbitt; half-backs, Shanks, Dalby, and Rithet; forwards, Berkeley, Fell, Wilson, Lawson and Netherby.

The Thistles—Goal, A. Hailstones; full-backs, R. Williams and J. Nimmo; half-backs, T. Blakely, T. B. Booth and J. McKinley; forwards, J. Blundell, A. Challoner, W. Culligan (captain), J. Adam and W. Lockhart; reserve, T. Aitken and W. Glahoim.

Mr. A. Donaldson will act as referee.

LACROSSE.

Maple Leaves to Organize.

Early next week the Maple Leaf Baseball Club will re-organize for the coming season. An effort will be made for the local teams to arrange with the clubs of the neighboring cities for the formation of a league series for the championship and a trophy.

WHIST.

Club Tournament.

Mr. W. Moresby won the first prize in the J.B.A.A. whist tournament last evening, winning nine games out of ten. The second prize was won by J. C. Bridgman, who with Messrs. Skene Lowe and G. Brown, was successful in three games, he winning in the draw.

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC.

The first report of the Canadian Pacific railway which Mr. Shaughnessy signs as president, is one on which both he, the directors and the shareholders, are to be congratulated. The earnings, which ten years ago were $16,552,528, five years ago, $18,941,036, and in 1898, $26,138,977, reached the large total of $29,230,038. After the payment of working expenses ($16,999,872) and fixed charges, there was left a surplus of $6,563,687, out of which the common stock holders received a dividend of 5 per cent., something that a few years ago even the most hopeful hardly looked forward to. When it is recollected that the system, aside from the cost of the leased lines it operates, represents an investment of $279,000,000 the size of the earnings will not seem so great, nor be deemed immoderate. While the increase in revenue shown is partly due to the general expansion of trade on the continent, some of it is also to be attributed to the extension of the system, and not a little of it to the energy of the management which has made the road with its 9,816 miles of operated and allied lines one of the continent's great systems of transport, marine as well as land. The growth, too, it is satisfactory to know, is likely to continue. There are very few clouds on the commercial horizon, while there are many signs that the development in commercial activity so often referred to of late has raised the standard by which the progress of all commercial enterprise is to be measured. It may be expected that both on the existing lines and on those whose construction or purchase the shareholders are to be asked to authorize a high rate of earnings will continue, to the advantage of the country not less than to the road.—Montreal Gazette.

QUEEN'S VISITS TO IRELAND.

She Has Been There Three Times, but Not Since 1861.

From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Queen Victoria's approaching visit to Ireland will be the fourth she has paid to the Emerald Isle. Her first visit was made over half a century ago, in 1849, when she landed at Queenstown and entered Cork and Dublin in state. The second trip occurred in 1853 and was taken for the purpose of opening the International Exhibition held in Dublin in that year. The third occasion of her Majesty's appearance in her Hibernian domains was occasioned by merely motherly solicitude for her eldest son, the Prince of Wales, who at the time was undergoing a course of army instruction at the military camp established at the Curragh. This last visit was made in 1861, during which year the Queen suffered the two first great bereavements of her life, her mother, the Duchess of Kent dying in March, and her husband, the Prince Consort, in the following December.

Of the three visits made, the initial one, which was planned and carried to most unexpectedly successful conclusion by the Earl of Clarendon, was far the most momentous. It was scheduled for the summer following the so-called Irish rebellion, and was so bitterly opposed by Lord Palmerston, then Secretary of Foreign Affairs, that a coolness was created between Victoria and Palmerston, which culminated in his dismissal from office in 1852. A brief sketch of this visit, in view of the present relations of the Queen and her son, the Duke of Connaught, with Ireland, will be found apropos.

Early on the morning of August, 3, 1849, Queen Victoria first set foot on Irish soil in the nobiest harbor of her dominions—the Cove of Cork—which from that day has been called Queenstown, and as such is better known to traveled Americans than any harbor of Great Britain or her dependencies. That same day Victoria, accompanied by her husband and four eldest children, drove in state through the city of Cork, and was given a hearty and gracious reception. It was, however, reserved for the city of Dublin, where the Queen made her public entry August 6, to demonstrate by the spontaneity and thoroughness of the warm-hearted welcome of the intensely enthusiastic populace how much the Palmerston clique of the Queen's advisers had misjudged the Irish people, and how correctly she and Clarendon had gauged the public pulse.

The London Times of the next day, in its description of the reception of the Queen on landing at Kingstown, the port of Dublin, said: "It was a sight never to be forgotten—a sound to be recollected forever. Ladies threw aside the old formula of waving a pocket handkerchief, and cheered for their lives, while the men, pressing so closely as to throng the very edges of the pavilion, waved what ever came first to hand—hats, sticks or coats—and rent the air with shouts of joy, which never ceased in energy until their sovereign was out of sight. The royal children were objects of universal attention and admiration. 'Oh, Queen, dear,' screamed a stout old lady, 'make one of them Prince Patrick, and all Ireland will die for you.'"

Almost every one those days had a sovereign remedy for Irish disaffection, but few were so easy of application as this old lady's suggestion, which the Queen accepted, and the child born next after the Irish visit, on the Duke of Wellington's birthday, May 1, 1850, was named Arthur, after the great Irishman, and Patrick after Ireland's patron sait. The Irish association was emphasized by the young Prince being given the title of Duke of Connaught, and the whirligig of time still further ordained that the "Prince Patrick" of the old lady's suggestion, in his present capacity of commander of the forces in Ireland, shall furnish the military escort when his aged and royal mother makes her contemplated, and probably last visit, to the Emerald Isle.

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THROUGH LIBERTY TO LIGHT.

"Fixed is my Faith, the lingering dawn despite,
That still we move through Liberty to Light."
—The Human Tragedy.

I.

When God out of chaos primeval divided the day from the night,
And moved on the face of the waters, ordaining, "Let there be Light!"
And commanded the creatures that perish to people wave, wood, and wind,
Then fashioned Man after His image, and gave him the godlike mind,
He said, "I, the Lord, now make you lord of the earth, and the air, and sea,
And I lend you My will to work My will, and now behold! you are free!

II.

"Free to be strong or feeble, free to be false or true,
To withhold you from evil-doing, or, what I shall ban, to do;
Free to be crooked and craven, or fearless, and frank, and brave,
To love as yourself your brother, or make him your bond and slave;
To hallow the world with freedom, or fetter your fellow-men;
But, as you shall do, at the Judgment Day My Justice will judge you then."

III.

Then the sons of men multiplied gladly, and, proud of the boon of birth,
They teemed over main and mountain to the uttermost bounds of earth;
They built up cities and empires, commonwealth, throne and state,
And some are pillared on force and fraud, and some upon fear and hate.
For the strong care but to enjoy their strength, the mighty to use their might,
And the vanquished were lashed to the victor's car, wherever his sword could smite.

IV.

But out of the mist of the Northern Sea a blended race arose,
Whose blood was warmed by the wind and the wave, and braced by the winter snows;
A race with the wisdom of long-linked years, yet the hopeful heart of youth,
Who hated the lie and the liar, and dared both to speak and hear the truth;
Who loved the Light for the Light's own sake, and as none but who love it can,
Kept the Torch of Liberty still aflame, and passed it from man to man.

V.

And they circled the sea, and they girdled the earth, and they spread round the rounded world,
And the sound of their clarions never ceased, and never their flag was furled,
And, wherever those shrilled, or this was seen, men sprang to their feet, and cried,
"Now the Tyrant shall quake on his throne for fear, and the lash no more be plied;
For the winds of Justice propel their sails, and Liberty steers their keel,
And none but the lawless shall tremble now, and none but the haughty kneel.

VI.

"At home in their white-cliffed, green-grassed Isle, where the woods and the waters meet,
The king is honored upon his throne, and the judge revered in his seat,
And each man's own is his own to keep, and safe from the robber's clutch,
And the lowliest hearth hath sacred rights nor sceptre nor sword dare touch;
And, as it doth on the Northern strand, so it doth in the Southern sea,
And it says, as God said to Man at birth, 'And now behold! you are free!' "

VII.

But apart in the Southern sea there dwelt a race, though of Northern strain,
With narrow foreheads and narrower hearts, who cherished the thong and chain,
So long as these left their own limbs free to do as their brute wills list,
To fetter and flog the sons of Cain, and to tether the stranger's wrist,
Boasting, "Rather than not be free to makethese hew for us, delve, and drudge,
Let the hellhounds of War be all unleashed, and the battle-bolts be judge!"

VIII.

Then the Land of the Northern mist waxed wroth, and said, "Now their hour has come.
Too long to their deeds have mine ears been deaf, too long my voice been dumb.
I will wrench the rod from their boorish grasp, their lash will I snatch and seize,
Till low on their knees they grovel down, and for mercy clasp my knees.
They have called on the sword, they shall bide by the sword, and mine will I never sheathe,
Till to dwellers in darkness it bring the Light, and Freedom to all who breathe."

IX.

Then manly to tender kissed farewell, but never a tear was shed,
And over the wave, and along with the wind, to the Southern zone they sped,
The roughly-nurtured, the gently-bred, all bound on the self-same track,
To storm the steeps and defiles of death, but never to turn them back;
And their sons that on Austral or Western shores exult in their sire's renown,
Shouted, "Barrel and blade, we'll come to you, and gallop the despots down."

X.

Shame, shame on you, Gaul and Teuton! that, seeing this noble deed,
You have hardened your hearts for envy,and been false to vaunted creed;
Should juggle with truth, should welcome the lie, should garble and gird for spite,
Pray Heaven to favor the tyrants' cause, pray Heaven to hinder the Light.
Hark, hark to the greeting of free-born men from the Land of the Setting Sun,
"God prosper you, dear old England! It is rightly and nobly done."

XI.

Wherever our sails have quivered, wherever our keels have ploughed,
We have carried the Flag of Freedom, unfurled it from mast and shroud.
It hath weathered the storm of battle, it guardeth the paths of peace,
And will watch over Right both day and night, till the day and the night shall cease;
And, while there's a chain to shatter, and, while there's a wrong to right,
Its watchword shall be God's gift to man, "Through Liberty, on to Light!"

ALFRED AUSTIN.

In London Standard, Feb. 24, 1900.

THE VAN ANDA MINE.

Special Report by W. M. Brewer, Travelling Correspondent Engineering and Mining Journal.

The following report by W. M. Brewer on the Van Anda Mining Co.'s properties of Texada Island, appearing in the Engineering and Mining Journal of New York, will be read with pleasure by all interested in the mining development of the mineral resources of the Coast:

About ten months ago the writer gave a brief description of the mineral resources of Texada Island in the columns of the Engineering and Mining Journal. The future prospects of the island did not at that time look at all bright; in fact he was skeptical regarding the outlook, especially of the northeastern portion, in which are located the properties owned by the Van Anda Copper and Gold Company. But since a second visit in February of the present year, he recognizes that the camp has grown more rapidly and substantially than any other on the West Coast of British Columbia.

Texada Island is situated about 60 miles northerly from Vancouver, in the Straits of Georgia, and about 18 miles from the east coast of Vancouver Island. Its length is about 35 miles, and average width about 6 miles. The northern end has been prospected fairly well, but of the southern end little is yet known as to the mineral resources. The timber and underbrush are so dense that any attempt to explore that portion of the island will be attained by the greatest difficulty. This fact will not deter many prospectors from visiting that section during the coming season, because the developments made by the Van Anda company during the past year have resulted satisfactorily enough to inspire renewed confidence in the minds of prospectors who are accustomed to overcome such difficulties.

The camp or town of Van Anda is the direct result of the energy, judgment and pluck of Mr. H. W. Treat, the president and manager of the company since March last. Before discussing the geological and economic features of the mining propositions which the writer has just examined in the vicinity of the camp, he desires to give a brief sketch of its growth and the smelting plant. On July 15th last the 50-ton water-jacket smelter was blown in, and has been in continuous blast ever since. Previous to this a good wharf and warehouse with tram tracks connecting with the smelter on one side, and the saw mill on the other, had been constructed. The saw mill has an actual capacity of 12,000 feet of lumber per day and is equipped with planing and shingle mills. There are about 60 well built frame houses on the townsite as compared with half a dozen log cabins at the time of the writer's last visit. A creditably edited newspaper, the Coast Miner, with a well equipped printing office, has been established, and a church is under construction.

The smelter site is situated on the shore of Van Anda bay, on a belt of crystalline limestone. In erecting the buildings every allowance was made for increasing the smelting capacity to 100 tons a day whenever the supply of ore demanded. The foreshore is being built up with furnace slag and the dumpage facilities are ample for years to come. The smelter itself was built by the E. P. Allis Company of Milwaukee; its dimensions are 42-inch diameter of bosh, with 3½-inch tuyeres. The blast used is cold furnished by a Connersville blower (two of which were installed in the engine room) with 14-inch discharge. One only of these blowers is run, the other being in reserve. The motive power is furnished by a 40 h.p. high speed engine built by the Russell company, and 80 h.p. boiler built by Armstrong & Morrison of Vancouver, B.C. The pump used is a 4-inch discharge Janesville, Wis., steam pump.

Connected with the smelter is the sampling works with a capacity of 5 tons per hour, run by a 24 h.p. vertical engine, and furnished with a Brunton sampler; Blake crusher, Cornish rolls 24-inch diameter, by E. P. Allis company; and Gates sampler grinder. Near the smelter is the assay office, with two furnaces, balance room and analytical laboratory fully equipped with all modern conveniences. In another building is the carpenter's shop, blacksmith and machine shops, and store room.

At the rear of the smelter the ground has been cleared for roasting the ore, and this is connected with the smelter by tram tracks. Near by are the ore bins, coke yards, and just beyond these is the quarry in a limestone bluff from which the fluxes obtained. A trestle between 600 and 700 feet in length connects the smelter with the saw mill to facilitate the transportation of saw mill slabs, which are used for fuel in the boiler room. The coke and ore shipped by water are unloaded at the wharf by means of a gin pall and horse power into shoots, from which they are dumped into tram cars on an inclined track and hoisted by steam hoist of 100-ton capacity per day to the level above the ore bins near the smelter. The coke used is obtained from Union, on the east coast of Vancouver Island, about 35 miles distant by water. Although this coke carries from 16 to 18 per cent. of ash, it is quite hard and makes good fuel. It is the same coke as was used at Trail and the Hall Mines smelter previous to the opening of the Crow's Nest Pass coal fields. The iron ore used is obtained from the Security, Raven or Puget Sound mines, the latter being situated on the west coast of Texada Island, and the two first named being mineral claims owned by the Van Anda company and situated a short distance from the smelter. The matte produced averages 55 per cent. copper.

The bulk of the ore which has been smelted comes from the Copper Queen and Cornell mines of the Van Anda group, but a limited quantity has been furnished from the Marble Bay mine adjoining the Copper Queen and owned by Christie & Palmer of Toronto; also from the Lenora mine, situated on Mount Sicker, on Vancouver Island.

During the writer's recent visit he was permitted, through the courtesy of Mr. Treat, the manager, and Mr. Kiddle, the superintendent of the Van Anda Copper and Gold Company, to examine the underground workings of both the Copper Queen and Cornell mines. The company's property comprises besides the two mines mentioned, nearly 800 acres of crown granted mineral land in one body, and adjacent to and including the town of Van Anda. As the crown grants only carried the copper, and as most of the ore found on prospecting yielded gold and silver values, mineral claims were located and recorded by the company some years ago, in order to avoid any litigation which might arise through prospectors making discoveries of gold or silver bearing ore.

At the time of the writer's previous visit he made a casual survey of the geology of this portion of the island, but because of the limited development of the mines could not reach any very satisfactory conclusion as to the occurrence, permanency or origin of the ore deposits. Apparently the northern end of Texada Island is composed of much the same character of rocks as portions of the west coast of Vancouver Island, which are considered by Dr. Dawson, Dominion geologist, to belong to the Cretaceous period. There has certainly been much volcanic disturbance, and probably several eruptions, because dikes of felsite, diorite and quartz-syenite occur as intrusions in the limestone, which has been so much altered as to be perfectly crystalline. The lines of contact of the lime and felsite apparently follow a more or less regular trend about north 60 degrees west, and they can be followed on the surface where exposed without difficulty. The same rule appears to apply to the line of the contact between the limestone and quartz-syenite, but the dikes of diorite are usually of less extent, and are much more irregular with regard to their lines of strike, often trending nearly at right angles to the general trend of the country. Whether these diorite dikes have had any influence over the disposition of the ore bodies is a question yet to be solved, but up to the present time the development work has demonstrated that they apparently have not, except so far as to cut off ore bodies, whenever these dikes occur in close proximity. In fact it would appear as though these dikes had been thrown up as intrusions at a later period than the disturbances which had caused the occurrence of the felsite and quartz-syenite.

The ores occurring on the northeastern portion of the island are bornite, chalcopyrite and copper glance, carrying besides high values in copper, both gold and silver. The gold content averages about $9 per ton, but sometimes is very much higher and occasionally reaches $100 per ton. These ore bodies invariably occur at or close to the contact of the limestone and felsite, and usually form the filling of cavities of irregular extent, apparently caused by chemical action on the soluble limestone, but often the ore extends into the felsite, where it appears to derive its origin from replacement.

In both the Copper Queen and Cornell mines the ore bodies so far exposed in the workings are of considerable extent, especially as regards thickness. On the 400-foot level of the former an ore body recently opened in the west drift shows a thickness of 20 feet, with hanging wall not yet found. This body had been drifted on for 40 feet, and when the writer visited that level on February 10th last the breast of the drift was still in ore. On the 300-foot level an ore shoot 22 feet thick, at its thickest part, had been drifted on 75 feet, and on the 200-foot level the thickness of the ore body had not been determined, although drifted on for 60 feet, because the foot wall had not been exposed. The thickness of this body, so far as yet determined, is about 6 feet. Having been opened from the hanging wall side, this ore body has more gangue associated with it than is the case on either of the other levels mentioned where the ore body was opened from the foot wall side.

The Copper Queen is the most extensively developed property so far as depth is concerned, in western British Columbia. A vertical shaft has been sunk 418 feet, and levels opened at 100 feet, 174 feet, 200 feet, 300 feet and 400 feet depths respectively. Until within the last few months though, the work has not been carried on as systematically or as thoroughly as should have been done. On the first levels short drifts only were run, and the ore stoped out, the management apparently having been afraid to extend the drifts for fear of spoiling the showing of ore in the faces. But under the present management the drifts on each level are being extended, and upraises are being made in order to show "ore in sight." On the 200-foot level the wisdom of this policy has been fully exemplified, because in the west drift a narrow intrusion of diorite was encountered, which apparently cut off the ore, but on driving through the dike it was found the ore occurred undisturbed on the other side. This would go to prove the writer's theory that the diorite dikes have been thrown up as the result of eruptive action subsequent to the deposition of the ore bodies. This dike cuts the ore body at right angles to its line of strike.

There has been a total of 1,500 feet of work performed on the Copper Queen, 1,000 feet of which has been done since March, 1899. This work in detail is as follows: Vertical shaft, 418 feet; drift toward west on 400-foot level, 140 feet in length, the last 40 feet being in ore, with ore in the face; drift towards east on same level, 55 feet; drift on third level, 110 feet toward east and 110 feet toward west of shaft; crosscut toward north, 88 feet; toward south, 81 feet; in west drift, 75 feet in ore with a maximum thickness of 22 feet, having a felsite foot wall, and lime hanging wall; drift on 200-foot level, 35 feet toward west, 30 feet toward east, with ore in both drifts, and still continuing in the faces; upraise from the 200-foot level to the 180-foot level in ore. Upraise being made from the 400-foot to the 300-foot level; also from the 300-foot to the 200-foot, the latter being in ore.

It is impossible from the present condition of the workings to measure up the ore in sight exactly, because until all the upraises are made of course there is room for reasonable doubt as to whether the ore body maintains continuity as one body, or whether there occur distinct bodies in cavities of irregular dimensions, but having the same line of strike and lying "en echelon." The ore body which has been opened on the 400-foot level is apparently distinct from the other body or bodies.

The body or bodies of ore occurring on the 400-foot level is bornite with chalcopyrite carrying besides itself copper values, an average of $9 per ton in gold. The gangue of this ore is hornblende and garnets. The crystallization of the entire body is most beautiful, as much of the hornblende occurs in the form of perfect actinolite crystals.

The development work on the Cornell mine measures up in the aggregate 450 feet, which is all tunnelling except 90 feet of shaft. The outcrop occurs about 220 feet above the level of a fresh water lake, which is 73 feet above high tide mark; the lowest level opened in the Cornell is 143 feet above the lake; No. 1 tunnel is 173 feet above the lake, and No. 2 tunnel 203 feet above the lake. The ore body in the lowest level is about 8 feet thick, having its strike nearly east and west, and its dip on the upper levels vertical, and on the lowest level 80 degrees toward the south. The surface ores from the Cornell mine were chiefly carbonites, but on the lower levels the ore occurs as unaltered chalcopyrite.

The earlier work performed on the Cornell was not carried on as systematically as is being done at the present time, consequently the underground workings present an appearance of having been mined at haphazard rather than following the systematic policy of thorough exploitation which is being carried on by the present management. Owing to this fact, it has been necessary to perform more dead work in order to properly develop the propety to show ore in sight than should have been done had a more systematic exploitation have been adopted from the start.

The writer has referred to foot and hanging walls in this article, but in reality these walls are not as well defined as is the case in fissure veins, or in contact veins ordinarily. The fact of the ore bodies occurring in both mines as fillings of cavities of irregular dimensions, and often extending into the felsite dikes on one side as well as occupying cavities in the limestone on the other, renders crosscutting beyond the limits of the ore in both directions necessary, in order to determine beyond doubt the limits of the ore bodies. There is one rule, though, which causes regularity even under these irregular conditions. This is that invariably the ore bodies are found at the contact between the felsite and the limestone, with the felsite in the Copper Queen on the foot wall side, and the limestone on the hanging wall side.

The diorite dikes where they occur with their lines of strike conformably with the line of strike of the ore are usually found with ore on all sides. This has been demonstrated by actual work. But occasionally these dikes form one of the walls of the ore body, and invariably it has been found that the ore never extends into the diorite itself.

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has by order made in the Supreme Court on the 1st March, 1900, been appointed a Trustee in the place of Messrs. R. H. Hall and E. A. Pauline, of the Creditors Trust Deed of 31st October, 1893, made by S. L. Kelly, formerly carrying on business at Victoria, B.C., as a tinsmith, under the name of S. L. Kelly & Co., and that all persons having claims against the above Estate are requested to deliver full particulars of the same duly verified to me on or before the 30th April, 1900, after which date I will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Estate, having regard only to the claims of which I shall then have had notice.

Dated 7th March, 1900.

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THE COLONIST OFFICE.

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NOTICE is hereby given that we shall apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria at their meeting to be held on the 13th day of June, 1900, for a transfer of the license now held by us to sell spiritous and fermented liquors upon the premises known as the Belmont Saloon, situate on the corner of Government and Humboldt Streets, Victoria, from ourselves to Peter Wolf, of Victoria.

Dated this 13th day of March, 1900.

THOS. FLEWIN,
CHAS. FLEWIN,
JARVIS LONGHURST,
Executors of W. H. Flewin, Deceased.

Witness:
J. P. Walls.

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If you are suffering from anæmia (poverty of the blood) or from a weak heart the fact will be made painfully apparent every time you have occasion to walk up stairs.

On such occasions does your heart beat violently? Do you feel out of breath? Do your limbs ache, and are you easily exhausted?

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Mr. John Barky, Lachute Mills, says:—"Up to about seven years ago I had always been a healthy man. At that time my health began to give way, and at last I was left almost a physical wreck, the least exertion would leave me breathless and exhausted and for the last five years have not been able to do steady work for the best part of the time, and as the many medicines I tried failed to help me, I had begun to look upon my case as almost hopeless. Finally a friend urged me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and now after the use of only five boxes I am feeling well and strong. It is simply marvellous what they have done for me, and I shall always recommend them to my friends."

HAD NOT STRENGTH TO WALK.

Miss Leba C. Schilling, Peninsula-Gaspe, Que., writes:—"I had suffered for some time with a weary feeling. I had not strength to walk about. I could not walk even a short distance without being out of breath. I took no interest in anything, as I thought nothing could do me any good. On the recommendation of a friend I decided to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I had only taken them for a short time when I noticed a great improvement. I was strong enough to walk a long distance without resting, and felt better in every way. I would recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills highly to all other sufferers, and think they will be surprised at the results obtained from their use."

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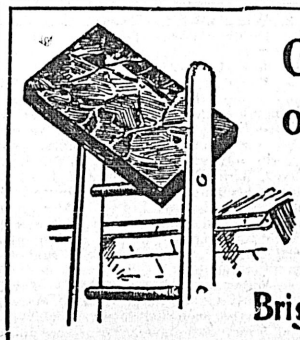

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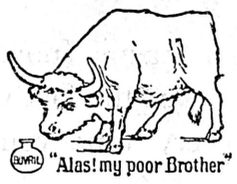

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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, March 22.—8 p.m.

SYNOPSIS.

A trough of low barometric pressure extends from Cariboo southward to Utah, while off the North Pacific States the barometer remains abnormally high. These conditions are likely to cause several fair days along the coast. The weather has been fair from Vancouver Island to Ontario, and very mild between the ranges. Showers have occurred in Eastern Oregon and Northern California.

TEMPERATURES.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	44	51
New Westminster	40	54
Kamloops	44	54
Barkerville	32	54
Calgary	24	42
Winnipeg	8	22
Portland, Ore.	46	56
San Francisco	50	60

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time), Friday:

Victoria and Vicinity—Winds mostly westerly; continued fair.

Lower Mainland—Moderate winds; mostly fair; not much change in temperature.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, March 22.

Deg.		Deg.
5 a.m. 43	Mean	49
Noon 49	Highest	54
5 p.m. 48	Lowest	43

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m. 15 miles west.
Noon 14 miles southwest.
5 p.m. 24 miles southwest.

Average state of weather—Fair.
Rain—.03 inch.
Sunshine—10 hours.
Barometer at noon—Observed 30.010
Corrected 30.020

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p.m.—Corrected 30.02

PASSENGERS.

By steamer Islander from Vancouver:

Stanley Henderson.	Mr. Graham.
J. Webb.	A. E. Green.
J. Hobson.	Dr. Fagan.
Mrs. Hobson.	Mrs. Fagan.
Geo. M. Leishman.	T. Taaffe.
J. A. McBain.	F. G. Brown.
F. Owen.	R. Robertson.
A. G. Johnston.	M. T. Robertson.
C. A. Steele.	F. Atkinson.
T. M. Henderson.	Mrs. A. Lee.
W. H. Cullen.	Dr. Gibbon.
J. Webb.	A. E. Beck.

With army officers Jesse Moore "AA" whiskey is a very popular drink.

THE APPLETONS' TROUBLE.

Publishing Firm Will Continue Business Under Supervision of a Receiver.

New York, March 22.—Justice Bishoff, of the Supreme court, has appointed J. Hampen Dougherty receiver for Appleton & Co, publishers, on the application of Daniel Pritchard. The bond of the receiver is fixed at $150,000.

The liabilities are $1,110,000. The assets consist of stock and outstanding accounts. Mr. Cannon, chairman of the re-organization committee, says that he is confident the concern can be liquidated so that there will be no loss to creditors. The firm will go on conducting its business as before, under the receiver's charge.

The house of D. Appleton & Co. is one of the oldest publishing firms in this country. It began in 1825 in connection with a dry goods business, which the founder, Daniel Appleton, had developed in Boston. The house was established here in 1830. In 1835 Wm. H. Appleton, the eldest son of the founder, opened its London branch. Other members of the family developed the business and it continued its growth for many years. One of its chief enterprises, as long as twenty years ago, was the publication of the American Encyclopaedia. The expenditure involved in this is said to have been $25,000 per volume, and was at the time regarded as remarkable.

WHERE RESTS THE BLAME

The Liver as Well as the Kidneys Responsible for Pains in the Back.

Sallow complexion, pain under the left shoulder blade and biliousness are unmistakable signs of torpid, sluggish liver. Too much bile is left in the blood and the whole system is poisoned.

Many people blame the kidneys for their sufferings when the liver is the real cause. Backache is as often the result of inactive liver as of disordered kidneys, and when the pain runs up under the left shoulder blade you can be sure the liver is responsible for the suffering.

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Local Affairs

In Commons.

Mr. Tarte's Friend Charleson Has Free Hand in Spending Public Money.

The Winter Road to Yukon—Improvements at the Lighthouses.

In the House of Commons recently Col. Prior asked a number of question respecting the winter road to the Yukon, beacons and lights on the Pacific Coast and the action of the government in getting supplies and workmen for the Bennett-Dawson telegraph line in the East. The questions and answers follow:

BEACONS AN LIGHTS.

Mr. Prior—Would the hon. minister please read the list of new lights in British Columbia?

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries—There is Pointer Island, Dryad Point, Brochie's Ledge, at the mouth of Victoria harbor. A beacon is lighted there.

Mr. Prior—That is not finished.

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries—I informed my hon. friend (Mr. Prior), that we had a 30-day oil lamp there. This will be replaced with something better, when we get the electric cable laid. This I cannot do for some little time, as the manufacturers of the cable are so overburdened with orders, that they cannot finish it. In the meantime, the 30-day light will have to do. Then there are a number of beacons besides.

Mr. Prior—In answer to a question I asked, I understood the hon. minister to say, that the present light was satisfactory.

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries—I did not wish to be understood as saying, it was not as satisfactory as I would like to have it. I gave the hon. gentleman the report that we had satisfactorily established that light.

Mr. Prior—But the agent of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Capt. Gaudin, has stated over his own signature, in the press, that he has assurance from sea-faring men, that the light is satisfactory. Now, I have a document in my desk, signed by the captain and mates of the steamer that runs from Victoria and Vancouver, that it is not satisfactory. It is all right in fair weather, but in rough weather they cannot see it at any distance, and they are very anxious that the proper light should be put there. There is great necessity for a fog signal on that beacon. If the hon. gentleman could see his way to establishing that, it would be a great aid to navigation. While I am on my feet, I would like to call attention to the case that occurred at Egg Island lighthouse, north of Vancouver Island. It seems that this lighthouse is a long distance from land, and in an isolated position, as most of these lighthouses are. Some time ago, it was noted by steamers on the way to and from Alaska, that for one or two days there was no light, and the fact was reported. The government steamer was sent up, and it was found that the lighthouse keeper was ill. He had no companion there, except a small boy. They were taken off, and somebody else was put in the man's place, I believe. I do not think it is right to allow a man to be in a position like that with a child. Suppose the man had taken ill and died, the boy would have been left there to die a miserable death by starvation. If they have an unmarried man attending to one of these lights, they should put another man with him. A married man could be accompanied by his wife. The lighthouse keeper should have with him some grown person; he should not be allowed to be there with only a child for a companion.

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries—I quite approve of what the hon. gentleman (Mr. Prior) has said. I was not aware that the man was a single man when he went there. The understanding with the department was that no man should be sent to one of these outlying stations unless he was a married man and had his wife and family, or, at any rate, his wife with him. Peremptory orders were given that, in no instance, is a single man to take charge of such a light by himself. These lights are away from civilization, almost. If we cannot get a married man, the country will have to provide for the expense of two men, for we will not have one man there by himself, and run the risk of such a condition of things as the case the hon. gentleman refers to, when we had to send the steamer to take the man and boy off.

WINTER ROAD TO THE YUKON.

Mr. Prior asked:

1. What expenditure has been made of moneys voted last session for the construction of a winter road to the Yukon?

2. What work has been carried out by the Public Works Department on the winter road, how many miles were completed, and between what points?

3. What work is it proposed shall be done during the coming summer between Carmack's Point on Lewes River and White Horse Rapids to secure an overland road between these points, avoiding the dangerous portions of the Lewes River. Thirty-Mile River and Lake LaBarge, securing a permanent route which can be availed of not only during the winter but during the period when the ice is forming in the fall, and breaking in the spring, when the river cannot be travelled upon?

4. What is the cost per mile of work done? What is the estimated cost per mile of the proposed future work?

5. What post houses were erected on the route for the shelter of travellers?

6. Was a report made by the surveyor in charge of the work, and of what nature?

7. Was this surveyor recalled, and for what purpose?

8. Is the government aware that an available route between Carmack's and the Tahkina River exists, and has any survey been made between that river and the White Horse Rapids?

9. What work has been done up to date to improve the river between White Horse Rapids and Dawson. (a) at the outlet of Fifty-Mile River into Lake LaBarge; (b) on Thirty Mile River; (c at Five Finger Rapids; (d) at Rink Rapids; (e) at or near Hellgate, some twenty miles above Fort Selkirk?

10. Will all the necessary work be completed prior to the opening of navigation?

The Postmaster General (Mr. Mulock)—1. $17,225.37. 2. 110 miles built from Lake LaBarge, towards Dawson, to Hutchiku, as follows: 7 miles from mouth of Takhina River to Lake LaBarge; 99 miles, Lake LaBarge to Hutchiku; 2 miles, LaBarge Station to telegraph office; 1 mile from Nordenskiold to Mounted Police station at Tantalus; ¾ mile, Carmack's Landing to Trail. 3. Not yet decided. 4. About $150 a mile, future cost about the same. 5. One post house at Nordenskiold. 6. Yes, a report and plan of the work done of operations during the season. 7. The work was suspended at the commencement of severe weather and close of navigation. 8. The government examined an alternate route, which was found not to be as good nor as short as the one adopted. 9. (a) None, survey was made; (b) Four stationary beacons have been placed at the foot of Lake LaBarge at the entrance to Thirty-Mile River; (c) Blasting rock and removing boulders to make the channel 35 feet wider; (d) Boulders removed and survey of Rink Rapids made, and a good channel found, which only requires two beacon-piers to be made safe at all times; (e) An examination has been made by which it is ascertained that a sum of $18,000 will be required to build shear dams to confine the waters in the west channel. 10. No.

BENNETT-DAWSON TELEGRAPH.

Mr. Prior asked: Has the Minister of Public Works seen the following despatch from Vancouver:

"Some comment is made in the city over the fact that Mr. Charleson, superintending the construction of the all-Canadian telegraph line, shipped north by the Amur to-day for his men on construction work flour bought in Ottawa and shipped out here at a cost of 50 cents a barrel more than he could have bought here for, stoves and sleighs he could have saved the freight upon; horses he could have saved money on by buying them here, and so on down the list. Some 300 men applied here for work on the construction, but the seventeen who went north on the Amur were principally French-Canadians from the East."

Is it a fact that Mr. Charleson took or sent flour, stoves, sleighs, horses, etc., etc., from here to British Columbia this year besides what had been obtained from Messrs. Kelly, Douglas & Co., of Vancouver, last year and held over?

The Postmaster-General (Mr. Mulock)—On behalf of the Minister of Public Works (Mr. Tarte), I beg to say: The Minister of Public Works does not think he should consider communications of this character, evidently inspired by desire to raise race hatred; but he may state that fifteen of the men taken from here by Mr. Charleson, are English-speaking. It is not to the department's knowledge that he took horses or sleighs from the East; however, in view of the circumstances of the case, and the success which attended his management of the construction of the Bennett-Dawson telegraph line, the minister has allowed him to use his own discretion in regard to the purchase of supplies, and the engagement of men.

PALE WEAK GIRLS.

Many a pale, weak school girl, suffering the evil effects of an exhausted nervous system, and thin, watery blood, has been fully restored to the vigor and buoyancy of robust health, by using Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Food. The healthful glow on the cheek and the brightness in the eye tell of the building up process which is taking place in the body.

PAN AMERICAN CONGRESS.

United States Plans to Win Back Good Will of the Southern Republics.

Washington, March 22.—The state department has been notified by the government of Mexico that it accepts the President's invitation to hold a second Pan-American congress and in turn invites the republics of North, South and Central America to send representatives in such congress to the City of Mexico. Thus it is believed, the success of the movement is assured. The state department had already been notified of the willingness of Venezuela and Guatemala to join in the congress, and now that Mexico has entered so earnestly into the project, it is believed that all the Republics of the three Americas will send delegates.

The President attaches great importance to the successful working out of this project, the main object of which is to bring into closer touch the American republics and to cultivate an intimacy not only in commercial exchange, but in political relations.

The state department has noted with much concern the malevolent efforts of certain interests to incite deep-seated jealousy of the United States among the Latin-American republics. The figures now in possession of the officials here show that, contrary to the common belief, the export trade of the United States with its southern neighbors has decreased enormously, the loss in dollars being stated at no less than $100,000,000 within the last decade. The loss in imports from South and Central America also was very great. The date to be selected for the Pan-American congress probably will be some time next winter.

The reason physicians always recommend Jesse Moore "AA" whiskey is because they know of its absolute purity.

FRICK AND CARNEGIE.

Pittsburg, March 22.—The differences between H. C. Frick and Andrew Carnegie have been settled. This announcement was made officially by the Carnegie Steel Co., late this afternoon. The parties interested have agreed upon a plan of reorganization, the new concern to be incorporated under the laws of New Jersey. The effect will be to terminate all equity proceedings now pending. The stocks and bonds of the new corporation are to be taken by the present owners themselves and not offered to the public as once contemplated. Mr. Schwab will continue as the executive head of the company.

DREADING AN OPERATION.

Weary of experimenting of salves, suppositories and ointments and dreading a surgical operation, scores and hundreds have turned to Dr. A. W. Chase's Ointment and found in it an absolute cure for piles. The first application brings relief from the terrible itching, and it is very seldom that more than one box is required to effect a permanent cure.

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Letters to The Editor.

THE HARBOR SCHEMES.

Sir: I see there is another harbor scheme out, and I would just like to say a word in support of Mr. Renouf's idea, that we should first ascertain what we have to deal with and what improvements we want before going to Ottawa. The last scheme estimates the quantity of rock to be removed at 7 per cent. of the whole earth, mud and rock. Now when the sewers were put in it was found the rock to be blasted came to 40 per cent. of the whole quantity to be removed, and there is no reason to suppose the percentage of rock in the harbor will be less than in our streets, consequently the cost of removal of the rock is likely to be six times that of this last estimate, say, instead of $720,000, $4,320,000. That is not a great miscalculation for great works in the States, but it is pretty big for Victoria. I cannot find in the Sorby scheme any allowance for the cost of removal of any material quantity of rock. The thing to do seems to me to be to push on the examination of the harbor, without reference to any scheme, get exact information as to the work to be done and some idea of the cost, then go to Ottawa and request to have some work done annually till we have accommodation for any trade likely to come here. In any case it is time to be done guessing that works can be done at hundreds of thousands which are quite as likely to cost millions.

JAMES ANGUS.

March 21, 1900.

A PROVINCIAL PARTY.

Sir: This is not a time when British Columbia can afford to throw herself blindly into the arms of either of the political parties recognized in federal affairs.

At present this province is in a most unfortunate political condition, and there is apparently but one hope for the country.

That hope is in the selection of a thoroughly trustworthy and patriotic man as leader of the government—that is to be.

Now is the time for a provincial party to arise, having at its head some well known and respected son of British Columbia, who can be depended upon by men who have in the past voted Liberal, and by men who have voted Conservative. As England in the time of her need called upon the idol of the army, "Little Bobs," to lead her soldiers to victory, so British Columbia in this the time of her sore distress, must seek as the leader of her government—some local "Little Bobs."

It is altogether to be deplored that during the period when capital has been barred from the most promising field available for speculative investment by the South African war, the abundant natural resources of British Columbia have failed to attract the idle capital of Great Britain.

We have not far to search for reasons why this province has failed to profit by such a great opportunity.

No doubt the chief reasons are to be found in the non-progressive and penurious policy of the late provincial government, and in the "wet blanket" that was thrown over the struggling industries of the province by a law which shortened the working day and thereby reduced—or entirely removed—the profits of mining companies.

At the present juncture, the people of British Columbia can well afford to sink petty personal considerations and select as their representatives in the legislature men who will pledge themselves to honestly endeavor to assist the legitimate development of all the great natural resources of the province, and enact such laws as will protect alike the interests of labor and capital.

Once again I say—let us have a provincial party.

ONLOOKER.

Victoria, March 22.

THE SORBY SCHEME.

Sir: In your editorial of the 20th inst. you state that the committee "point out certain objections to the estimated revenue and Mr. Sorby has not met these objections." To a certain extent I thought my letter that appeared in the same issue met some of the objections.

You ask "whether the work can be done for the estimated amount?" A sub-committee on the engineering aspect of the matter was nominated last year with power to call in expert evidence; they communicated with the Dominion resident engineer, the chief engineer of the marine and fisheries department and the engineer to the harbor commissioners at Montreal, and obtained from them particulars of the information they would require to enable them to examine into the scheme and report thereon. The engineers required that certain test borings should be made to ascertain the nature of the bottom of the harbor and the depth at which rock would be encountered. The committee obtained estimates of the cost of the work and the council appropriated the money, but the estimate was thought too high, nothing was accomplished and the appropriation was actually allowed to lapse. This year the Mayor, who was on that committee, produced an estimate from Mr. Harris which, though a little in excess of last year's estimate, was at once accepted. The object of this move is to ascertain if my estimates are substantially correct. Every drawing and detail calculation has been at their disposal; the delay has been with them, not with me. The objections raised to the revetment wall disappeared when they grasped the fact shown on the detail drawing and included in the estimates that the wall above low water line was built of large stone bedded and solidly grouted in cement from 12 to 8 feet thick, protected by fender piles and waling pieces, and tied in with 40 foot anchors; and that the lower part of the wall, varying from 15 feet to 30 feet in height and from 15 to 20 feet thick, was built of the largest stones obtainable laid battering, using only so much cement concrete as might be necessary to secure perfect bedding; the wall being as far as possible laid dry. The committee have not completed their work and have therefore not reported.

With all deference to you there is no difficulty whatever in estimating "what it will cost to dam Victoria harbor, pump it out and dredge or blast it out so as to secure a greater depth of water." My figures were laid before the engineers at Ottawa, and they considered the prices ample, but the committee must furnish their expert advisers with particulars of the bottom that they may check my estimate of the cost of the execution of the work.

With regard to the money, I have a definite offer on certain terms, and it is in persuance of this that the city undertook to investigate the matter and ascertain whether my estimates were correct. I have no reason to doubt their general accuracy, and as the revenue committee distinctly state "to the best of our judgment Mr. Sorby's estimate of revenue appears fair and reasonable," I fail to understand your grounds for saying "these estimates have been shown to be open to such serious objections that their value as a whole is open to the greatest doubt." My letter that appeared in your issue of even date and that reported in this morning's paper place these facts clearly before your readers.

I should exceed the bounds of your patience if I replied to Mr. Shallcross' strictures to-day, but will do so later in response to your correspondent's invitation.

You ask, "what guarantee have we that the revenues of the port will pay the interest or even the minimum estimate besides the charges of management?" My calculations are based upon the facts of the present time as near as I can ascertain them, and the average of the immediate past.

Statistics show that the trade of the port and shipping entries have steadily increased since 1886, that population has increased, the vacant lands all round town have been built over, as can be seen in James Bay, Victoria West, Oak Bay, etc., and the postal returns, being a good criterion, show a steady increase from $39,875 in 1895 to $52,620 in 1898, and the letters in the same period in number from 3,580,000 to 6,700,000. We may therefore fairly assume a similar rate of progress will be made in the future unless a short-sighted policy permits the trade and prosperity of the port to be diverted for want of making adequate provision for the needs of the future.

May I quote from your columns of the 1st March, 1898? "Yet with the positive assurance of so eminent an authority as Mr. Coste, who says it is 'the best scheme he ever saw' and that he is 'convinced of its practicability,' and with the endorsation of other engineers the Victoria city council could scarcely have taken any other action than they have done." And again on the 3rd March: "Colonel Anderson says Mr. Sorby's scheme for the improvement of Victoria harbor is a splendid one from an engineering standpoint; that there should be no danger of going ahead with it," etc.

The merit of my scheme is that it will be absolutely self-supporting from the first day of commencement, and gives substantial advantages to the ratepayers of Victoria without involving them in any expenditure or adding one cent to the wharfage rates or port charges.

THOS. C. SORBY.

22nd March, 1900.

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